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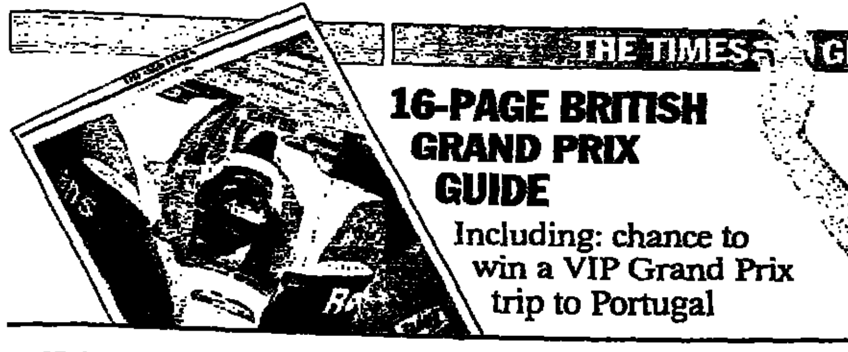

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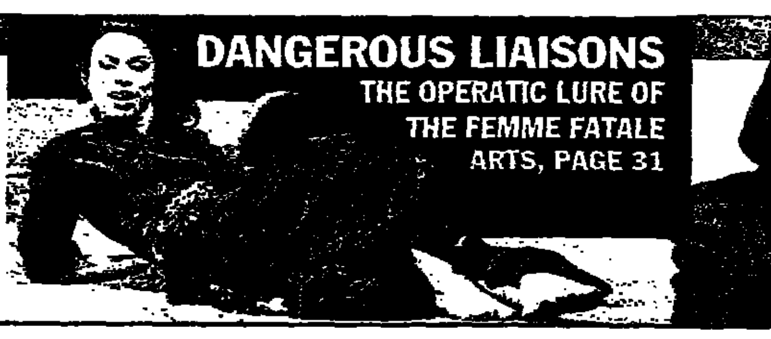

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RUC braced for more trouble today

Catholics riot after Orange marchers win

BY NICHOLAS WATT, AUDREY MAGEE AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

NATIONALIST violence erupted throughout Northern Ireland last night after 1,300 Orangemen were allowed to march through a Roman Catholic area of Portadown, Co Armagh, at the end of a tense five day stand-off.

Hooded men hijacked cars and threw stones at police in republican areas of West Belfast, Londonderry and Armagh City within hours of the parade.

The disturbances, on a smaller scale than the loyalist violence earlier this week, came as nationalist leaders condemned the decision of the Royal Ulster Constabulary to allow the march to pass along the Catholic Garvaghy Road.

RUC officers and troops are bracing themselves for further trouble at today's 12th of July Orange parades across the province when more than 100,000 people take to the streets to commemorate the Battle of the Boyne of 1690. The most likely flashpoint is an Orange parade due to pass along the nationalist Lower Ormeau Road in South Belfast this morning. By last night the RUC had still not decided whether to re-route it.

John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, was expected to tell John Major of his dismay at the RUC decision to allow yesterday's march in a telephone call. Mr Bruton said: "The Government is gravely concerned. The abrupt reversal of the decision about the route of the Orange Parade is regretted."

John Hume, the leader of the SDLP, condemned the decision as "disgraceful" and Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, said that it would make it more difficult to convince the IRA to restore its ceasefire.

These criticisms came after police fired dozens of plastic bullets at nationalists who threw petrol bombs at the Orange march. Disturbances continued after the march with hooded men on the estate setting fire to a car and breaking up paving stones.

An RUC officer fires in defence of the marchers

The march, from the small Drumcree parish church along the two-mile route into Portadown, set off just before 1.00pm — four days late — after Army Engineers had removed barbed wire. To the sound of a single drum beat the loyalists, dressed in dark suits and wearing orange colarettes, marched in silence along a lane from the church to the Garvaghy Road.

As they turned into the nationalist road, several hundred RUC officers, who had faced them across barbed wire since Sunday, protected them from the angry nationalist residents who shouted abuse. Scores of armour-plated RUC Land Rovers lined the road where police in riot gear shielded the Orangemen.

Brendan MacCionnaith, the chairman of the local residents' association, said that the reaction of the police proved they were the military wing of unionism. "I think the day has proved that the RUC are not prepared to protect nationalists and are not prepared to take on loyalists."

A few minutes after the Orangemen had passed the Garvaghy estate a band struck up Orange tunes as the march moved into the Protestant Woodside where thousands gave a rapturous reception.

David Trimble, the leader of the Ulster Unionists and local MP, told constituents that the parade was forced along the Garvaghy Road after negotiations between nationalists and loyalists broke down. The two sides did not meet but church leaders had held all-night negotiations. There were hopes that the nationalists would let the loyalists march if a review body would examine future marches.

Sir Hugh Annesley, the RUC Chief Constable, said that he had reversed his original decision to re-route the march to prevent serious loyalist violence. He said: "After five days of deteriorating public disorder we faced a situation where tens of thousands of Orangemen were lining up against thousands of police and soldiers."

A security source said that loyalist terrorists were planning to launch attacks throughout the Province and the Ulster Volunteer Force was planning to to break through the barbed wire.

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, said that the decision to stop the marches was an operational one taken by Sir Hugh. Sir Patrick said: "I reject criticisms of the Chief Constable either in the decision that he took originally or, in the light of a changing balance of circumstances, the decision that he has taken today."

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Lin Russell and her daughter Megan, who were bludgeoned to death in a wooded lane near their home in Kent

'Stay in' alert after Kent murders

BY LIN JENKINS

WOMEN and children were told by police last night not to venture from home as they warned that the deranged murderer who bludgeoned a mother and daughter to death could kill again.

Lin Russell, 45, and her six-year-old daughter Megan, of Nonington, near Canterbury, died from multiple head injuries inflicted by a hammer in what police described as a "frenzied attack".

Josephine Russell, aged 9, remained seriously ill with multiple fractures to her skull and open head wounds after being left for dead alongside her mother and sister near the secluded bridle path where they walked home from Goodnestone Primary School through the Kent countryside.

"All I can say about this tragic event is that the attack was frenzied. It is the work of somebody clearly deranged. I couldn't possibly speculate on his motives, who knows the human mind when it reaches such a state. It was utterly frenzied," Detective Chief Inspector David Stevens said.

"I do not want to instil panic in people. It is a lovely community. People have led peaceful lives up until now. We have a frenzied attack on two children and their mother. There is somebody dangerous in the area and until we catch him people cannot feel safe. Parents should not let children go out alone, or women go out in certain areas alone."

Post-mortem examinations by George Gibson, a Home Office pathologist, found that both mother and child had suffered a rain of blows with a metallic instrument, almost certainly an oddly shaped hammer. Mrs Russell had been hit 15 or 16 times and Megan received only a fewer blows. Detectives believe Mrs Russell might have known the killer since none of them, nor the terrier dog Lucy who was also killed, appeared to have struggled or tried to run away.

Mr Stevens added: "This person would have been covered in blood, there is no question of that. Somebody must know who has committed this terrible crime. This person must have a propensity to do this again. We must catch this person."

Mr Stevens said Josephine, who saw her mother and sister killed, may never be able to reveal the vital information that would lead to the killer. "Realistically, it may be unlikely that she is able to remember much, particularly suffering from such massive injuries. We have got to rely on other evidence."

Josephine's father, Dr Shaun Russell, 47, a lecturer in marine biology at the University of Kent, was last night still at her bedside.

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Becket casket is saved for the nation

BY ROBIN YOUNG

THE St Thomas à Becket chasse, bought at auction for £4.18 million last week, has been saved for the nation.

The Canadian millionaire Lord Thomson of Fleet and his family, who were confirmed yesterday to have been the successful bidders, have withdrawn to allow the National Heritage Memorial Fund to purchase the copper gilt reliquary chest.

Lord Rothschild, chairman of the fund, which was the underbidder at the Sotheby's sale last week, said: "We are delighted at the generous gesture Lord Thomson has made."

The casket will be given to the Victoria & Albert Museum, where it will go on display when the purchase is completed. An case awaiting it in the museum's Medieval Treasury yesterday carried a yellow notice: "In course of arrangement." Next year, it will be lent to Canterbury Cathedral.

Dr Alan Borg, the V&A's director, said yesterday that a shortfall of about £200,000 was being covered by the museum from its own funds. "We will continue to seek private funds to cover this amount and if these are not forthcoming, the balance will be drawn from the first income generated by the introduction of admission charges later this year," he said.

The National Heritage Secretary, Virginia Bottomley, who had stepped in to ensure that the casket could not be exported without a licence, said she was delighted.

Meanwhile, there was excitement among clergy at Hereford Cathedral yesterday who now believe a similar casket stored in the crypt may be as valuable.

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Suicide claim

Amschel Rothschild, the chairman of Rothschild Asset Management, committed suicide in a Paris hotel on Monday, according to police. Earlier reports said that he had died of a heart attack .... Page 3

Perot enters race

Ross Perot, the Texas billionaire who challenged the established candidates in America's 1992 presidential election, shook up this year's White House race by ananouncing that he was likely to run again .... Page 15

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Council gets record £48m damages bill

BY IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

A DISTRICT COUNCIL was ordered to pay £48 million in damages by the High Court yesterday, when Mr Justice May ruled that it had failed to provide essential information to a property developer.

The judgment presents Welwyn Hatfield Council in Hertfordshire with the biggest bill for damages ever awarded against a British authority, amounting to £533 for every resident. The council, which raises only £9.6 million a year in council tax, is to appeal, but is already making contingency plans to ensure that services are guaranteed.

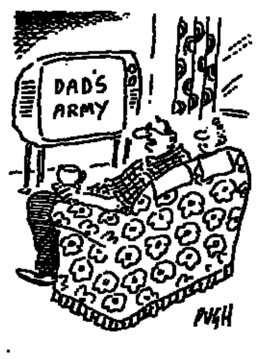
"We do not have £50 million and we never will ... but somehow we have to make sure that our services are not damaged," David Riddle, the chief executive, said last night.

"I find it uncomfortable that a £2.5-billion property company with profits of £130 million in the past two years is pursuing a course of action which has serious consequences for a local community, especially when that company is now profiting from its development here, which is being well patronised by the same community."

The court found that the council had lured Slough Estates into building a big shopping centre in 1987 by keeping a basic change in planning rules secret. The rule change opened the way for a rival centre, of which the council was landlord, to rent space to the same sort of tenants as those Slough Estates wanted to acquire.

Slough told the court it would never have built the Howard Centre in Welwyn had it known that the council had altered the planning rules to help Gallerias Centre, three miles away, to compete. Gallerias has since gone bankrupt and the centre converted into factory shops. The Howard Centre is thriving, with letting at 97 per cent.

Sir Nigel Mobbs, chairman of Slough Estates, said the court ruling supported the company's argument that the council had deceived it. "This is the first local authority we have come across that has displayed this sort of behaviour," he added.



"They're not so much the Home Guard, more the Rented Accommodation Guard"

Backwoodsmen save the day

A massive turnout by hereditary peers last night helped John Major to avoid an embarrassing Lords defeat over plans to privatise Armed Forces housing.

The rarely seen backwoodsmen responded to Mr Major's eleventh-hour appeal to defeat a rebel move to scupper Michael Portillo's sale of 60,000 service homes for £1.6 billion. It was the first time since the Maastricht Bill three years ago that Tory peers had been subjected to a three-line whip .... Page 2

Pilots' strike off as union backs deal

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH AIRWAYS pilots last night called off the strike which they had threatened from next Tuesday and which could have wrecked thousands of summer holidays.

After three days of negotiations at a hotel near Heathrow both sides claimed to have reached a satisfactory settlement. The agreement will now be put to the 3,000 pilots and flight engineers in the pilots' union Balpa, with a recommendation that it be accepted.

Balpa said that it had managed to negotiate higher pay scales for short-haul flight crew based at Gatwick — the central issue in the dispute — improved pay for new pilots and the satisfactory resolution of a number of minor irritations which had persuaded 90 per cent of BA's pilots to vote in favour of a strike.

BA said that the deal was both fair to the pilots and to other employees of the airline who had accepted the pay deal of 3.6 per cent. The pilots had accepted an increase of up to ten per cent on top of the universal rise of 3.6 per cent in return for a ten per cent increase in flying hours.

The size of the majority in favour of strike action among the pilots had surprised union leaders but in recent days a growing number had begun openly to question the wisdom of a strike. British Airways had decided to stand firm and had drawn up plans to mitigate any affect the strike would have had.

The BA board gave the go-ahead for whole EuroGatwick operation — short haul services operating from Gatwick airport and feeding passengers onto long haul routes — to be put up for sale had the strike gone ahead. The board also froze next April's staff bonus payment which was expected to exceed the £94 million paid this year and put on hold the purchase of new Boeing jets.

Pilots were convinced that it would have been impossible for the airline to operate more than a handful of flights had they gone on strike.

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Value-for-money MPs flex intellectual muscles at 25p a minute

MATTHEW PARRIS

POLITICAL SKETCH

Why were Timothy West and Prunella Scales in the Strangers' Gallery yesterday? Prunella Scales (Sybil in *Fawlty Towers*) will have felt more at home than Timothy West, who has played Churchill. "Don't mention salaries" was the subtext of the afternoon.

But the rest of us could hardly keep our minds off the subject. This, after all, was Day 1 of our new super-remunerated value-for-money MP. Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes (C. Wimbledon), a living demonstration, rose to offer an example of the fizz, the independent-mindedness, the sheer intellectual firepower which British voters are now able to purchase for their £43,000 a year.

Did the Deputy Prime Minister agree, he asked, "that we in Britain have the finest Civil Service in the world?" Probing mercilessly, Dr Goodson-Wickes asked Mr Heseltine to commend the work civil servants do "to implement the Government's excellent policies". The rest was unintelligible. A simple sum suggests that £43,000 a year for a 60-hour week is about 25p a minute. Dr Goodson Wickes's question lasted 12 seconds. It was therefore a 5p question — a coin which, dropped in a gutter, some would hardly bother to pick up. You may think it realistically priced.

After this sizzler of an inquiry, Dennis Canavan (Lab, Falkirk W) rose to commend "one of the greatest political leaders in history". Michael Heseltine looked up hopefully. But no, it was Nelson Mandela of whom Canavan spoke. Mr Canavan hoped that Mandela's message of peace and love would find echoes in Northern Ireland too.

You may think MPs had earned that extra £9,000 already. Still sceptical? Then get a load of John Gunnell (Lab, Leeds S & Morley) who, commending President Mandela, probably meant to ask about the struggle against apartheid, but asked about "the struggle against anti-apartheid", provoking a ripple of consternation. Heseltine praised "one of the political giants of our time", modestly forbearing to mention the other. He also praised the achievement of William Hague, the Welsh Secretary, in securing a £1.7 billion Korean investment in Wales.

An interview by Petronella Wyatt in that morning's *Daily Telegraph* had been headlined "William Hague: I am more fun than I look". As Heseltine spoke of the Welsh Secretary's Lucky Goldstar triumph, I glanced at the balding young comet and unexpected fun-seeker. Unwittingly he was running the tip of his tongue around his half-opened lips in an alarming gesture which in less salubrious circumstances could invite criminal prosecution. Miss Wyatt and I may not have realised quite what fun Mr Hague can be.

To earn his own £9,000 bonus, Labour's Deputy Leader, John Prescott, limped in (he has hurt his foot) to call the Government spivs. Tory backbenchers earned their bonus by shouting "disgraceful!" Sir Gerard Vaughan (C, Reading E) earned his by asking Mr Heseltine to wish Sir Edward Heath many happy returns for last Tuesday, the parliamentary equivalent of a "Sorry we forgot your birthday" card.

Questions to Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, had been more sombre. Sir Patrick warned us he must wear "the cloak of caution". He slipped it over the jacket of wariness, itself worn (with the tie of guardedness) over the shirt of circumspection and the vest of chariness, tucked into the trousers of prudence, over the underpants of discretion. There are days one marvels that Sir Patrick can even walk.

Tory peers rally to avert defeat on housing sale

By Alice Thomson, political reporter

A MASSIVE turnout by hereditary peers last night helped John Major to avoid an embarrassing Lords defeat over plans to privatise Armed Forces housing.

The backwoodsmen, encouraged to visit Westminster for the Prime Minister's annual address to Tory peers, responded to Mr Major's eleventh-hour appeal to defeat a rebel move to scupper Michael Portillo's sell-off of 60,000 Services homes for £1.6 billion. It was the first time since the Maastricht Bill three years ago that Tory peers had been subjected to a three-line whip, the strongest appeal to attend.

Victory for the Government came in spite of a barrage of criticism from its own side over its "shoddy plans". Over 85 per cent of the speeches were deeply critical of the plan.

Mr Major, in his annual speech, told 180 Tory peers half an hour before the vote that they had to "stick together" to win the next election and that the sell-off had the backing of the chiefs of defence staff.

He also pointed to the huge hole in the Government's finances that would be left without the sale going ahead. The pleas appeared to have worked and the amendment was rejected by 256 to 176.

The Liberal Democrats said last night: "The Government only won the vote by making it a matter of confidence in the Government and dragging out all their backwoodsmen. This is quite a disgraceful way to behave with the homes of our Service families."

Labour Peers were furious that the Tories could win the vote in spite of dozens of backbench Tory peers rebelling and the Liberal Democrats and Labour turning out in force to support the wrecking amendment. They were also angry that many Tory Peers did not attend for most of the debate because they were listening to Mr Major's speech.

The Tory rebels were led by Baroness Park of Monmouth, who demanded that the proposed sale of the Ministry of Defence married quarters estate should be delayed until Parliament and Armed Forces families had been consulted. She said that the issue was of national rather than political importance and the defence of the nation was at stake.

"The Services feel punch drunk. They have taken so many cuts and have been asked to do the impossible so often," she said. "This is the last straw. Families feel threatened and anxious wives make anxious husbands. We are risking our country."

She said that the Chiefs of Staff's declared support for the sale was only under threat of alternative cuts.

Baroness Cox, another Tory Peer, said servicemen's families were prepared to make sacrifices for Service life but there was anger at the lack of consultation. She said they put up with long periods of single-parenthood, the possibility of early widowhood and endless moves and made the sacrifices willingly.

The Labour Party said that it would try to force a vote on "this shabby deal" next week and the Tories could "no longer pretend to be the patriotic party". Dr David Clark, the Shadow Defence Secretary, said: "Labour will now ensure time for a debate. The Tories have betrayed the armed forces and want to betray the taxpayer."

Garvaghy Road: RUC officer seizing one of about 300 nationalist protesters

Nationalist mood worsens as loyalist tempers abate

ANALYSIS

A BOIL has been lanced but Ulster's condition is still critical. The decision to allow Portadown's Orangemen to march their traditional route may have assuaged Unionist anger, but it has been at a price. Nationalist Northern Ireland is incensed.

One Sinn Fein activist in West Belfast commented: "People are seething with anger. This week a Catholic taxi driver has been killed, Catholics have been driven from their homes and after days of Orange terror the Unionists get what they want. It leaves a bitter taste." Events in Portadown reinforce the republican view that the Unionists are indulged in their intransigence by the Government. They point to the Unionists' refusal to make progress in talks and their previous insistence on impossible conditions for Sinn Fein's entry to negotiations.

Discontent extends well beyond traditional republican enclaves. Mainstream nationalists feel the security forces who were welcomed only days ago as defenders in Garvaghy Road can no longer be trusted. One commented: "It's a cave-in, no good will come of it."

The change in nationalist mood ominously recalls the late Sixties when the Army arrived as the protectors of intimidated Roman Catholics but soon found themselves caught in the middle and then transformed into targets for nationalist anger.

Officially, Sinn Fein is calling for calm and its spokesmen are urging their supporters not to resort to civil disorder.

However, on the ground, it appears that republicans may be preparing for violence. It is suggested by sources close to security strategists that arms have been moved to potential flash points around Belfast in preparation for today's marches. Trouble is expected in north Belfast, the Springfield Road area and, particularly, the Lower Ormeau Road in the south of the city.

Sinn Fein has co-ordinated opposition to marches in the Lower Ormeau as it has in Garvaghy Road. One former Loyalist paramilitary, himself adept at reading grass-roots feeling, believes Sinn Fein is playing a clever double game: "By stoking up feelings among Catholic residents Sinn Fein either get the credit for stopping the march or, if the RUC step in, they benefit from the resentment caused by repression."

Republicans feelings may be running high but Loyalist fears have not altogether subsided. One former paramilitary prisoner, Andy, from West Belfast, said: "If they hadn't let the marchers through Garvaghy Road then this street would have been alight tonight. Sure the marchers getting through gives you a wee lift but the trouble isn't over."

Loyalist leaders admit their ceasefire has been under strain. They fear inter-communal violence exacerbated by republicans may cause tautened nerves to snap. One commented: "We must not fall into the trap of destabilising our own society."

But as Ulster nervously celebrates what should be a carnival the fear of carnage remains.

MICHAEL GOVE

Euro court rejects bus pass bias claim

From Charles Bremner in Brussels

THE Government won an unexpected victory in the field of European Union social policy yesterday when the European Court of Justice rejected a claim that the provision of bus passes for women pensioners at 60 did not breach EU law on sex discrimination.

The judges took the rare step of reversing the court's own preliminary opinion. In a politically far-reaching case today, the court is due to rule on the request from Britain for the immediate suspension of the EU ban on its beef exports, pending a later decision on the full BSE affair.

With the bus pass decision, the judges rejected an attempt by the European Commission to broaden the cover of the 1979 EU sex bias law to "social protection" as a whole.

The Government is fighting what it sees as a drive by the other EU states to extend more common social policy to Britain despite its opt-out from the social chapter at Maastricht.

Some senior Tories want the Government to defy the Luxembourg court if it rules against Britain. The court has already issued a preliminary opinion against Britain by its advocate-general, but yesterday's decision on pensioners suggested that the judges could accept the Government's arguments when they rule in September.

The bus case was brought by Stanley Atkins, now 68, from Telford, Shropshire. Five years ago, he began a legal battle claiming that the provision of passes to women at 60 discriminated against men. The High Court asked the European court to rule whether concessionary fare schemes fell within the scope of the EU directive on equal treatment of the sexes.

The judges decided that the transport benefit did not meet all the requirements involving health and social assistance to qualify for cover in that directive.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Post Office letter monopoly may go

The Government looks set to scrap the Post Office's letter monopoly after the Communications Workers' Union decided yesterday to mount a new series of strikes. Ministers will consider suspending the monopoly the Post Office enjoys on all mail priced under £1. Post Office managers fear that if the private sector is allowed to operate during the planned strikes, the Government is unlikely to bring the monopoly provision back.

The new action planned is a 24-hour strike from July 18 to 19, a 36-hour stoppage starting July 26, a 48-hour strike from July 31 to August 2 and a further 24-hour stoppage from August 6 to 7. John Roberts, chief executive of the Post Office, said the strike decision was "outrageous".

Colleges face new tests

Up to half of primary school teacher-training colleges are to be re-examined after concern that initial inspections costing £1 million masked "clear weaknesses", it was disclosed yesterday. More than 90 per cent of the work of teacher trainers has been judged as sound or better but Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, said the revisits were in response to public and professional concern.

Prince on standards

The Prince of Wales yesterday condemned the assumption that poor performance at school could be excused by poverty, and said that failure at school led to "moral and cultural relativism". Speaking at a London awards ceremony for firms working with schools to help to raise children's achievement, the Prince called for a return to traditional teaching methods.

Birds win protection

Scores of development projects, including plans for Ipswich and Southampton docks, face tougher planning hurdles after the European Court of Justice ruled that the Government acted illegally in excluding an area of mudflats called Lappel Bank from the Medway Special Protection Area for Birds. The Government had excluded the bank from the area because of Sheerness port's need to expand.

Pilot saves plane

A British pilot was praised by the Norwegian Air Force for landing one of its F16 fighters safely rather then ditching it at sea when fire broke out in the engine. Squadron Leader Ian McDonald Webb, 36, on a exchange posting, intended to ditch, but returned to base when a colleague told him the fire had gone out. "If he is representative of all your pilots, then they are pretty good," a spokesman said.

Hairy men 'are smarter'

Smart men have hairy chests, a psychiatrist claimed yesterday. There are more hirsute men among doctors and other university-educated professionals than among manual workers, according to the American study. Research among US medical students showed that some of the most intelligent men were those who had hair on their backs as well as their chests.

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Blair allies stand aside for Harman

By Jill Sherman, chief political correspondent

TONY BLAIR'S allies have agreed not to stand in the Shadow Cabinet election this month in a move that risks turning the poll into a farce.

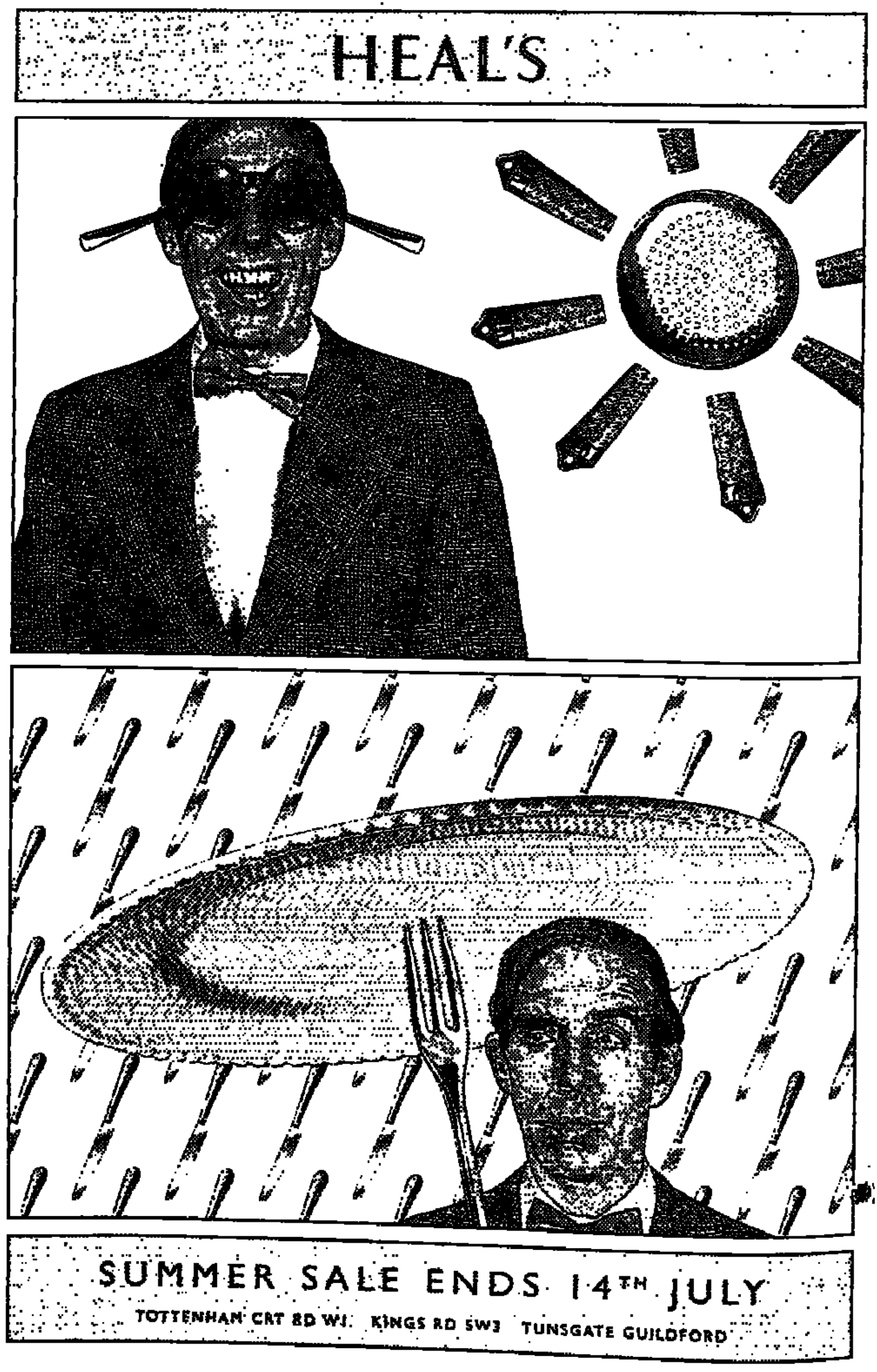
Promising younger MPs who might have gained a seat for the first time have decided not stay out of the contest in the hope of saving Harriet Harman's position.

Last night Mr Blair agreed to bring the elections forward from October to July 24. MPs will ratify the decision on Wednesday, when nominations will open until Monday July 22.

Brian Wilson, Hilary Armstrong, Alistair Darling and Dawn Primarolo, all frontbenchers who narrowly missed being elected last October, will not seek nomination. The decision by the two women in particular not to stand could boost Ms Harman's vote. But many MPs have already made clear that they wish to vent their anger at her decision to send her son to a grammar school.

The MPs denied having made any deal with Mr Blair, but party sources have suggested that the Labour leader wants the present Shadow Cabinet to be endorsed, and wants as little change as possible. "No one sensible will stand," one loyalist MP said.

This leaves Mr Blair with the maximum flexibility to appoint his own Cabinet if Labour wins power. He is supposed to keep the Shadow Cabinet as his first Cabinet, but he is widely expected to ignore this and appoint some newcomers.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Police say Rothschild choked himself to death

Reluctant banker 'depressed by business results'

From Ben Macintyre and Susan Bell in Paris

AMSCHEL ROTHSCHILD, the chairman of Rothschild Asset Management and the man seen as future head of the banking dynasty, choked himself to death in a Paris hotel room on Monday, according to police.

Family members had initially reported that Mr Rothschild, 41, died of a heart attack, but police yesterday said that the young banker had committed suicide, using the belt from a dressing-gown.

Mr Rothschild's body was discovered by a hotel chambermaid in his room at the Hotel Bristol at 7.30pm on Monday. The maid had taken clean towels to Mr Rothschild's room on the fourth floor of the hotel at 6pm. Mr Rothschild took the towels without speaking, hotel staff said yesterday, and immediately closed the door.

An hour and a half later the maid returned to room 401 to turn down the bed, and discovered Mr Rothschild's body in the bathroom. The towelling belt from a hotel dressing-gown was tied around his neck, with the other end attached to the towel-rail up the wall, according to hotel staff. He appeared to have killed himself by "jerking back suddenly", a hotel worker, who asked not to be identified, said. Mr Rothschild was alone in the room. A routine investigation and post-mortem examination to establish the cause of death is under way in Paris. The case is being handled by the police of the Eighth Arrondissement.

"The case has been classed as a suicide. There does not appear to be any suggestion of foul play," a police source said, adding that a judicial investigation might eventually take place "because of the importance of the deceased person".

Suicides who opt to kill themselves by hanging usually anchor the ligature to a high point such as a beam, but there are cases where people have killed themselves at a lower level, one coroner said yesterday. "People have died putting a tie round a door knob. The immediate reaction is you cannot die that way. But you can," the coroner said. The suicide would jerk backwards or down and the noose tightens, bringing unconsciousness. The weight of the body increases the pressure and the victim dies.

There would have to be an inquest on a British subject brought back to Britain for burial. A coroner's court in England would have to be certain, beyond reasonable doubt, that the death was intentional and there was no other reasonable explanation.

Amschel Rothschild, keen on a number of sports, after winning a trophy driving a racing car at Silverstone

Le Monde newspaper yesterday reported that Mr Rothschild had been depressed for some time by the results in his sphere of the family business.

The Hotel Bristol, where Mr Rothschild often stayed when in Paris, is owned by the Otcker group and is a favoured meeting-place for British and American businessmen.

Mr Rothschild, who was also a director of the Sun Alliance insurance group, had attended a business meetings and returned to his room late on Monday afternoon. He had been scheduled to meet other Rothschild executives for dinner that night.

The secrecy that kept the nature of his death hidden for three days continued yesterday. Police declined to say whether a suicide note had been recovered, and the hotel management refused to comment on the death.

A rather reluctant banker, Mr Rothschild farmed in Suffolk, near Bury St Edmunds, until he joined N M Rothschild, the family bank, in 1987. His appointment as chairman of Rothschild Asset Management had led to speculation that he might succeed his second cousin, Sir Evelyn de Rothschild, 64, as chairman of the family firm.

The death of Mr Rothschild leaves David de Rothschild, of the Paris branch of the bank, as the most likely successor to his cousin Sir Evelyn. Amschel's mother, Teresa Lady Rothschild, died in May. Amschel was second son of Victor Rothschild, and half-brother to Jacob, the fruit of his father's first marriage.

In 1992, Sir Evelyn told *Le Monde*. "If something happens to me, there is David. If something happens to him, there is Amschel, the youngest. Working within the family has always been our trademark." David de Rothschild had expected to dine with Amschel on Monday night.

Mr Rothschild's wife, the former Anita Guinness, a member of the brewing family, returned from Paris on Wednesday after identifying her husband's body. They have three children, Kate, 13, Alice, 12, and James, 11.

It did not surprise Rothschild insiders that Amschel would be in Paris and there was no suggestion of a special meeting. "People are popping backwards and forwards to the Paris office all the time," an executive at N M Rothschild said.

Death rocks a dynasty rooted in past glory

By Jon Ashworth

WHISPER the name "Rothschild" and a dozen bustling images blaze in the mind. Magnificent wines and priceless works of art, mansions and racehorses, great wealth tinged with faded grandeur, and a feud of biblical proportions, cousin pitted against cousin. Now, a new poignant image comes to the House of Rothschild: the apparent suicide of a merchant banker.

The death of Amschel Rothschild at 41 will leave a scar on a family that prides itself on discretion and longevity. Amschel's father, Lord (Victor) Rothschild, lived to 79, in spite of a passion for Turkish cigarettes. Sir Evelyn de Rothschild, 64, current head of the English clan, and his estranged cousin, Lord (Jacob) Rothschild, 60, pursue their various interests with characteristic zeal.

The House of Rothschild grew from its late 18th-century roots in Frankfurt to become Europe's most powerful dynasty. Mayer Amschel Rothschild built up a lively trade in cloth, coins, and commodities, from his origins in the House of the Red Shield — or *Rot Schild* — and dispatched his sons to various European outposts. Nathan settled in London, Jakob in Paris, Salomon in Vienna, Kalmann in Naples. One son, Amschel, remained in Frankfurt.

N.M. Rothschild, the merchant bank, was founded in 1810 and soon there was no limit to what the Rothschilds could achieve. Nathan helped the British to smuggle gold to Wellington's troops trapped in Portugal during the Napoleonic wars, shipping the bullion to France, where brother Jakob slipped it through the Pyrenees. Later they provided the money that enabled Britain to secure the Suez canal and bankrolled the empire-building exploits of Cecil Rhodes.

But by the early 1960s, the Rothschilds were seen as legends living off past glories. Hard taxes and soft living had taken their toll, although a concerted effort by the two main branches, in Paris and London, set the tone for renewed success.

The death of Amschel Rothschild could hasten the end of the merchant bank. "There is a question whether it is possible for families — like the Kleinworts or Barings or Rothschilds — to still control large international banks," a former Rothschild director said. "At N.M. Rothschild there is now a shortage of members of the family to put into senior positions."

Friends and family recall a man amused by life

By Emma Wilkins

THE mysterious circumstances surrounding the death of Amschel Rothschild were met with grief and disbelief from friends and colleagues yesterday.

Martin Amis, the novelist, who was a friend for 20 years, said Mr Rothschild was a charming companion who did not suffer from depression. Mr Amis was due to attend a cricket match on Mr Rothschild's 1,500-acre Suffolk farm next weekend. He had hosted such matches for his friends twice a year for 15 years.

Mr Amis, who first met Mr Rothschild when they both worked on the now defunct *New Review* literary magazine, last saw his friend at a dinner party a few weeks ago. "Amschel was very droll and charming and relaxed as ever. I always believed that his view on life was to be amused by it," he said.

Mr Rothshchild and his wife, Anita, had a strong marriage, according to Mr Amis. The couple, who had been married for 15 years, have three children, Kate, 13, Alice, 12, and James, 11. Mr Amis said: "Anita is very forthright, straight and candid person. He had a great wife and children. I just can't think of any reason why Amschel would want to take his own life."

The Bristol Hotel where Mr Rothschild died

Mrs Rothschild, 38, issued a statement yesterday through her sister, Miranda Guinness, which said: "We are completely shocked and devastated. Amschel's death was completely unexpected. We would rather say no more and would ask that everyone will respect the grief and deep sadness of our three young children and myself."

Miriam Rothschild, the biologist and Mr Rothschild's aunt, spoke of her shock and dismissed suggestions that he was was depressed about his job in the City.

"He got on extremely well at Rothschild and loved his job. To say anything else is just nonsense." She added: "He was a charming and intelligent individual who was never depressed. He wasn't shy, but he was a quiet person."

David Sullivan, a non-executive director of N.M. Rothschild, said Mr Rothschild was in Paris for a routine business meeting as director of Rothschild Asset Management.

Mr Sullivan declined to comment on speculation that Mr Rothschild may have been depressed about the disappointing performance of the firm. It made £500,000 losses in the year to March 1995, a turnaround from profits of £3.6 million a year earlier.

Cathedral claims to have second casket

By Robin Young

PUBLICITY surrounding the Becket chasse has excited clerics in Hereford — they think they have one too.

Clergy at Hereford Cathedral knew there was a similar relic stored in their crypt, but did not realise its potential value until the Becket casket fetched £4.18 million at Sotheby's last week.

Tomorrow the Hereford chasse will go on display beside the Mappa Mundi and the chained library, in the cathedral museum.

The Hereford casket is in good condition and, like the one destined for the Victoria and Albert Museum, is made of oak and copper plates overlaid with Limoges enamel.

The Very Rev Robert Willis, Dean of Hereford, said the artefact was about a third shorter than the Becket chasse, probably because it contained a smaller part of Becket's anatomy, "perhaps a finger".

Mr Willis said that the piece had been authenticated by an expert on Limoges enamel. "The Becket chasse's pattern is identical to the one in Hereford Cathedral apart from two monks added to the figures on the larger casket. About 42 of the caskets were made in the late 12th century. My guess is that about nine remain in England and Scotland," he said. "I think ours is the only one left in its original religious foundation."

Most reliquary chests were taken from monasteries at their dissolution in 1536, and the relics inside dispersed.

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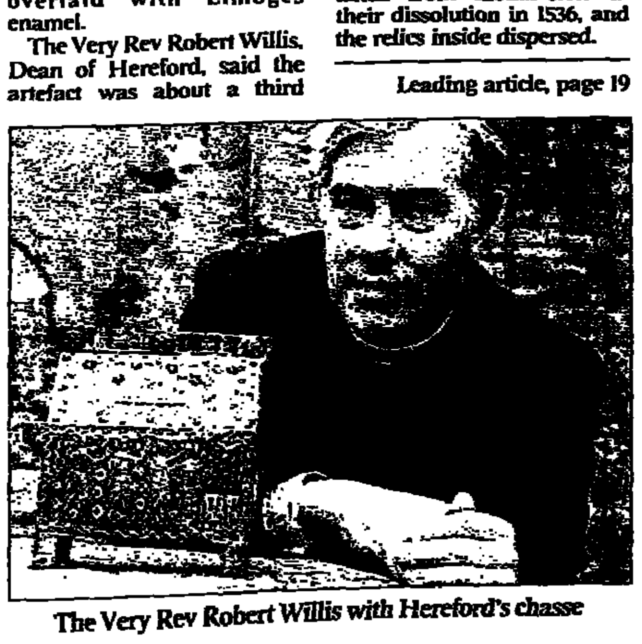


The Very Rev Robert Willis with Hereford's chasse

West put main blame on wife, inquest told

By Stephen Farrell

FREDERICK WEST blamed his wife for the Cromwell Street murders before his apparent suicide in jail, an inquest heard yesterday.

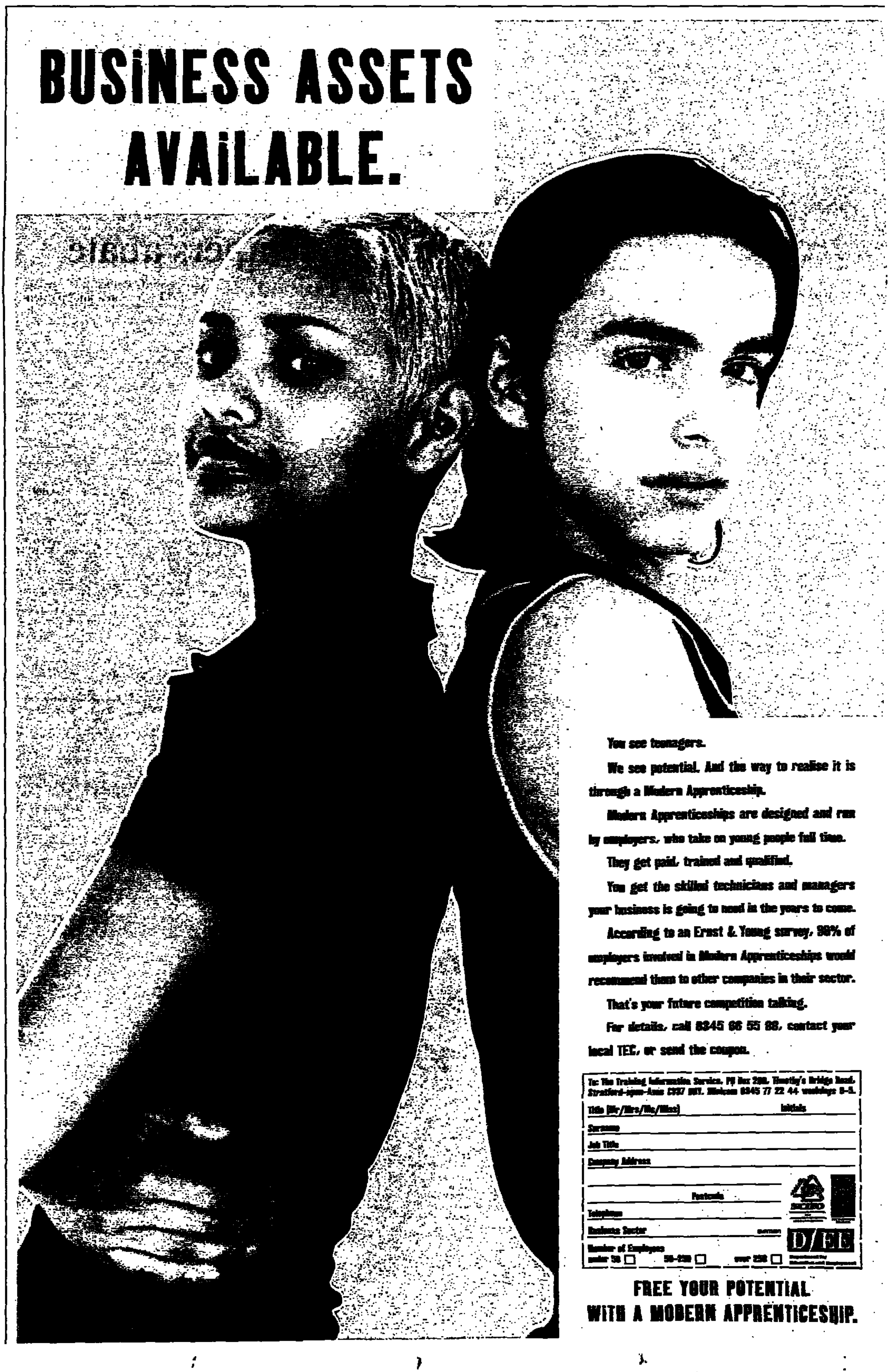
The Gloucester builder wrote to his daughter Anne-Marie claiming Rosemary West, now serving ten life sentences, was the "main person" involved.

Anne-Marie said West believed he would be found not guilty of murdering 12 women. But he became increasingly depressed and was found hanged on January 1, 1995, with a noose made from a prison blanket sewn with needles and thread used for his prison job, mending shirts.

Weeks earlier he told his son Stephen he planned to kill himself, believing that would lead to his wife being freed, Birmingham coroner Richard Whittington heard. On the first day of the inquest, Anne-Marie West said her father had earlier seemed optimistic, talking of buying a large house and moving her and his grandchildren in with him.

Of the murders, she said: "He actually wrote me a letter naming Rosemary as doing it … He didn't feel he had any of the blame."

However, Stephen West said his father increasingly talked of killing himself, telling him he was now the head of the family and boasting that he had "conned" doctors into thinking he was all right.



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Rural community speaks of struggle to continue normal life after attack on mother and daughters

Village plagued by fear after double murder

By Bill Frost
and Lin Jenkins

UNTIL this week the villagers of Nonington in Kent had believed that they were protected against violence and tragedy by the maze of narrow lanes which effectively cut them off from the outside world. But with the murder of Lin Russell and her six-year-old daughter Megan their comfortable isolation amid orchards and cornfields is over, perhaps for ever.

There is a palpable sense of communal violation and a widely expressed fear that the killer will strike again.

Children at Goodnestone Church of England Primary School, which Megan and her sister Josephine, 9, had attended since moving from North Wales last year, were warned not to play alone or go off with strangers.

The sisters' classmates were yesterday comforted by teachers. The children played games in the afternoon, but there was little laughter. Daryl Peek, the headmistress, said: "We are trying to maintain a normal school day. The community has joined together to help us through this difficult time.

"This is a lovely family. Although they had only been with us for a short time, they had become part of the school in a very real way. We will miss Megan dreadfully and what we are trying to do now is ensure that Josie has as normal a school environment as possible when she returns."

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, sent his condolences to the school. "It was with great sadness I heard of the murders and the terrible injuries sustained by Josephine. You are being remembered in prayers both here at Lambeth Palace and throughout the diocese."

Josephine Russell, who survived, and her sister Megan

Dr Carey said that he would also be writing to Mrs Russell's husband, Dr Shaun Russell, who yesterday visited his surviving daughter in hospital, where she is under police guard.

Police said yesterday that Dr Russell, 44, a botanist at the Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology, was "massively distraught". He raised the alarm when he arrived home at 7.30pm on Tuesday and could not find his family.

Kit Smith, a district councillor and school governor, said: "This terrible business has shattered the whole community." Caroline Martin, who runs the nursery school in the nearby village of Chillenden, turned parents and children away yesterday. "This has really spooked everybody and I decided not to open because, under the circumstances, I can't be responsible for the lives of the 18 children I would normally look after."

Sheila Whitely, the Russells' neighbour, was consoling her daughter Danielle, 6, Megan's best friend. Mrs Whitely recalled how happy they had been. "I never heard a cross word from Shaun or Lin to their children. Along with the dogs, they were always playing together in the garden."

Prayers were also said yesterday by the people of Tanrallt, a hamlet in Snowdonia where the Russells formerly lived. Susan Owen, headmistress of the local primary school, said: "They were such popular, lovely little girls, and Lin was a marvellous mother. She had a doctorate in geology and used to take the pupils out and give them lessons about rocks."

Detective Chief Inspector David Stevens, who is leading the murder hunt, said yesterday that Dr Russell had given an account of his movements at the time of the murders, and described him as "a gentle man". He said he "hoped and prayed" that he would be able to talk to Josephine about the attack, and that everybody in the village would be interviewed. That would include the 80-strong Bruderhof religious community, beside the woods where Mrs Russell and her daughters were found battered. Mrs Russell used to give rides on her daughters' ponies to some of the 35 children at the Christian community. Police will also question patients and staff at the Promise Centre, a private clinic.

Mr Stevens said: "The family are not particularly well known, having moved recently. We will be finding out about Mrs Russell's movements and habits."

Yesterday police and scientists took samples of foliage for examination. Others worked with a psychologist to try to draw up a psychological profile of the killer.

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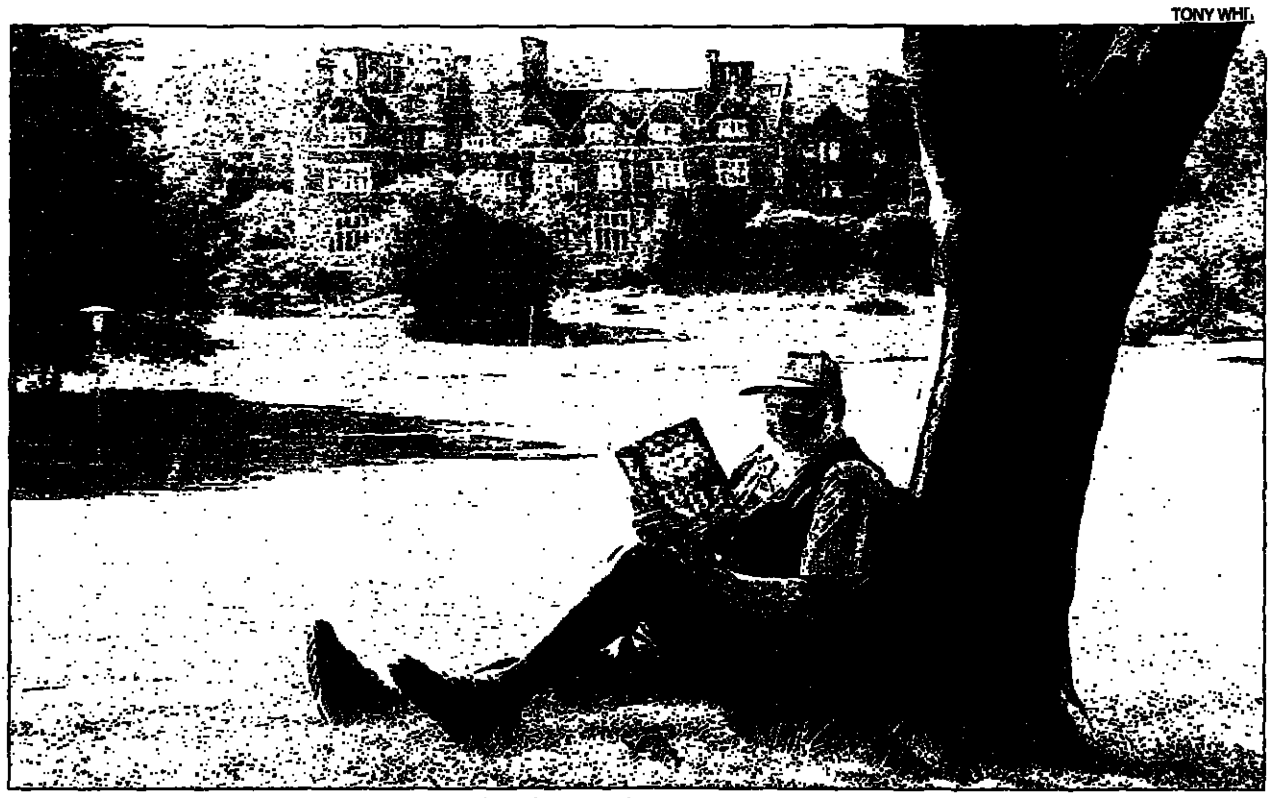
Klaus Meier at the Bruderhof community's house. The Russells were friends as well as neighbours, he said

Finger of suspicion saddens sect

MEMBERS of a Christian sect in Nonington are angered and saddened by local gossip that has painted them as outsiders who might be suspect.

The 80-strong Bruderhof community is based at Beech House, next to Shaun and Lin Russell's home. Klaus Meier, the community's spokesman, admitted that the Bruderhof's "separateness" from the village could fuel misunderstandings. But he said that the pacifist sect had enjoyed a "close and friendly relationship" with the Russells. Mr Meier said: "Lin taught many of our children to ride and her girls' ponies used to graze on our land. Shaun Russell came round often and gave slide shows about his trips abroad when he was with the British Council.

"Suspicion settles on us because they think we set ourselves apart from the village. In fact we are not setting ourselves apart from them at all, only from the violence, corruption and pornography of our society." Joe Staingl, another member of the community, was angry that the pacifist sect, expelled from Nazi Germany in 1937, was once again the victim of prejudice. "The Russells were very close friends of ours. There was a very good rapport between us, even though they did not share our beliefs.

"This ignorance and fear really upsets me. We, like everyone else, are stunned by what has happened and cannot put words to our grief for Lin and Megan."

Labour calls for inquiry into Tory tax loophole

By Andrew Pierce
Political Correspondent

LABOUR is pressing for an Inland Revenue investigation after the Conservative Party's £18.5 million overdraft was reduced through a series of interest-free loans from donors exploiting a tax loophole.

Sir Graham Kirkham, knighted in January six months after he converted a £4 million three-month bridging loan into a gift, is the latest benefactor to take advantage of the system.

Sir Graham Kirkham: knighted after donation

Top-rate taxpayers would normally pay 40 per cent on the interest from a £4 million deposit. But Sir Graham, by loaning the money to the Tories, ensured they received the full pre-tax interest. The party has special tax status not shared by the other parties and pays tax only on the interest from its own investments.

Aides of Sir Graham, the founder of the DFS furniture chain, declined to discuss his relationship with the Tory party. But the loan was agreed after he was visited by John Major.

"It is fair to say it was converted to a gift," said an aide to Sir Graham, who is worth about £300 million. But *The Times* understands that there was a three-month delay before the loan was converted, effectively making it a six-month loan. The final total of the gift is also understood to be have been £5 million.

In 1982 the Inland Revenue tried to claim back corporation tax from Conservative Central Office. But the High Court ruled that funds were controlled by the party leader and not by Central Office.

Labour estimates that the secretive system has denied the Inland Revenue millions of pounds. Alistair Darling, Shadow Treasury spokesman, said last night: "The party of government, which has increased taxes time and time again, has transformed its finances without paying tax. The secretive and shadowy system should be exposed."

An Inland Revenue spokesman said: "If we are provided with information about possible tax evasion we will look at what is said, but it does not follow that there is an automatic investigation."

Some Tory MPs have also expressed private misgivings about the continuing controversy. Eric Chalker, an executive member of the committee of the National Union, the voluntary wing of the Tory Party, also criticised the loans system.

Tycoon who likes to settle bills in cash

THE furniture tycoon Sir Graham Kirkham is known as "Peeler" among the few people who recognise the reticent multimillionaire on his home turf in South Yorkshire (Paul Wilkinson writes).

The title refers to his habit of settling bills in cash by peeling £50 notes from a wad in his pocket. He is rumoured once to have given a £1,000 tip to a waiter in Monte Carlo.

Four years ago the 51-year-old was placed just outside the country's 100 wealthiest with £80 million, but is now worth probably three times that. However, he does not live an overtly ostentatious lifestlye. He drives a Bentley, but there is no private yacht and his only personal aircraft is a microlight.

Much of his private fortune is spent on his eclectic art and antiques collection spanning four centuries and on a stable of almost two dozen horses. He shuns the limelight and he and his wife, Pauline, jealously guard the privacy of their large four-bedroomed house in the village of Sprotborough.

Six years ago he bought the neighbouring Georgian mansion, Cantley Hall, but did not move in. Instead he spent a small fortune restoring it in grand style as a personal gallery for his extensive collection of paintings and period furniture, said to be worth £10 million.

In 1993 he celebrated the flotation of DFS Furniture by buying a Gainsborough, *Peasants Going to Market*, for £3.5 million because he felt it was appropriate. His thirst for such treasures is great and in the past part of his director's fees has been paid in antiques.

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Parliament echoes to fanfare for man of uncommon spirit

By Alan Hamilton

IF NELSON MANDELA had a vision of Heaven during his long years in prison, could it have been holding the hand of Miss Betty Boothroyd to the sound of trumpets?

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Not since de Gaulle in 1960 has a foreign Head of State been granted centre stage in Westminster Hall; President Clinton had to make do with the much less grand Royal Gallery when he addressed Parliament last year.

Met at the door by John and Norma Major, the Lord Great Chamberlain and Black Rod, Mr Mandela made a dramatic entrance into a hall filled with members of the Lords and Commons. Sunlight enlivened the stained glass of the memorial west window, firing the scarlet of the Yeomen of the Guard and Gentlemen at Arms. State trumpeters blew a fanfare. Mr Mandela appeared, flanked by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Speaker in the Lords, and Miss Boothroyd.

The red-carpeted staircase from entrance to podium is long and steeply descending. Madam Speaker clutched the hand of Mr Mandela, who is 78 and sometimes walks with the stiffness of age, supporting him down the steps. For a woman whose life is dedicated to shouting at the unruly, she wore a look of serene happiness.

Mr Mandela stood to attention as the band of Grenadier Guards played his national anthem. Madam Speaker, who appeared to know some of the words of *Nkosi Sikilel i'Afrika*, sang along for a few bars. Lord Mackay welcomed Mr Mandela with passing reference to Westminster Hall having witnessed 1,000 years on the rocky road to British democracy.

Then Mr Mandela rose from his gilded chair and walked to the lectern to prolonged applause. It was, he said, with a deep sense of humility that he stood there; his presence closed a 200-year-old circle that had begun with the British colonisation of the Cape in 1795.

He remembered the British who had fought for black freedom, from William Wilberforce to Lord Brockway. He recalled Harold Macmillan's "wind of change" speech and the debt owed to Archbishop Trevor Huddleston.

Racism, Mr Mandela said, was a blight on the human condition. "The idea that any people can be inferior to another to the point where those who consider themselves superior define and treat the rest as sub-human denies the humanity even of those who would elevate themselves to the status of gods."

He likened the crime of apartheid to Nazism in Europe and the decimation of the native peoples of America and Australia. "All these are like a haunting question that floats in the wind: why did we allow this to happen? It seems to us that as the ordinary people of the world came to understand the real nature of the system of apartheid, they decided that they would not allow their response to that question to be to hang their heads in shame."

Mr Mandela paid tribute to the millions of Britons, and others throughout the world, who had stood up against apartheid. "Our emancipation is their reward. We know that the freedom we have found is a richly textured gift, handcrafted by ordinary folk who would not allow their dignity as human beings to be insulted.

"In the acceptance of that gift, it contained an undertaking by our people that we shall never, never again allow our country to play host to racism. Nor shall our voices be stilled if we see that another elsewhere in the world is the victim of racial tyranny."

Mr Mandela said that the foundation stones of the new South Africa included the ending of disparities in wealth, income and opportunity between races, and a growing economy. "Because they are poor, these millions understand the effort and time it will take from walking barefoot to the comforts of a truly decent existence."

As Mr Mandela sat down, both houses rose and gave a long standing ovation. Madam Speaker thanked him, then took his arm again as they left the hall to the accompaniment of William Walton's theme music from Olivier's film of *Richard III*. A curious choice, but perhaps it had something to do with a winter of discontent being made glorious summer.

CHRIS HARRIS

Betty Boothroyd assisting President Mandela in Westminster Hall yesterday

Speaker recalls days of protest

BETTY BOOTHROYD told President Mandela that she had been a member of the Black Sash, a white women's movement against apartheid.

The Speaker said: "Along with others of my generation I stood with Black Sash outside South Africa House in the hope of instilling some sense of shame among government supporters inside. We were realistic. We had no great hopes of influencing their policy, but it was a matter of principle."

In a speech of thanks frequently interrupted by applause, she told the President that he represented "an outstanding victory of the human spirit over evil ... As a result of your determination to end apartheid you spent more than a third of your life in prison, though your spirit was freer there than that of your captors outside. And when you were released it was remarkable to see you emerge with no feeling of personal bitterness towards those who had denied your freedom."

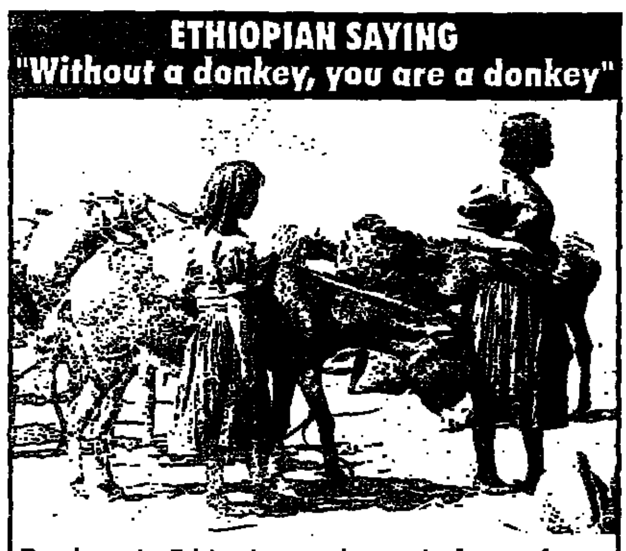
Miss Boothroyd said that members of Black Sash were not revolutionaries, "they were ordinary white women driven by a sense of decency and fair play". Turning to the President, she said: "You were one of those in our minds throughout silent vigils. I never expected to stand here under the famous hammer beams of Westminster Hall, which have witnessed so many of the great events of British history, and see you honoured so rightly and so full-heartedly by both Houses of Parliament."

She concluded: "South Africa House, where once you were vilified, you will enter tomorrow as Head of State." The House applauded once again.

Penfriends invited to show

LYNN and Jim Barnard, from Bramhall, Greater Manchester, were preparing yesterday to travel to London to be one of the "special friends" of Nelson Mandela invited to a royal charity concert. The couple, who have been penfriends with Mr Mandela for 30 years, received the invitation from the Prince of Wales at the President's insistence.

Mr Barnard started writing to Mr Mandela 34 years ago when he was first jailed. His wife became involved when she noticed Mr Mandela's name on his Christmas card list. The concert, held last night at the Royal Albert Hall, was attended by the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Prince of Wales and other members of the Royal Family. Performers included Phil Collins, Quincy Jones, Tony Bennett and a number of South African stars.



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£7,000 for Lawrence's Arabic dictionary

THE well-thumbed Arabic-English dictionary used by T.E. Lawrence when he was a secret agent in North Africa during the First World War fetched £7,015 at Sotheby's in London yesterday.

It was among a collection of Lawrence of Arabia memorabilia, including rare books, maps and poems, offered by the author Peter Hopkirk which fetched more than £36,000.

The Student's Arabic-English Dictionary by F. Steingass was used by Lawrence while working in the Cairo intelligence department just before the Arab revolt against the Turks in 1916, in which he played a crucial role. He later used it at the 1919 Versailles peace conference in his role as British liaison officer with the Emir Faisal.

Lawrence presented the dictionary to Sir Gerard Clauson, the Arabic and Turkish language scholar, when the two worked together in the Colonial Office in 1920. Mr Hopkirk bought it from a London bookseller 20 years ago for £25.

☐ A first edition of Ian Fleming's novel *You Only Live Twice*, inscribed by him to the "real" James Bond, fetched £12,650 at Sotheby's. Fleming took the agent's name from a neighbour in Jamaica, a mild-mannered American ornithologist. Fleming thought the name was "brief, unromantic and yet very masculine".

Briton and stranded Hungarians wait with bodies of dead companions

Potholers face sixth night trapped under the Alps

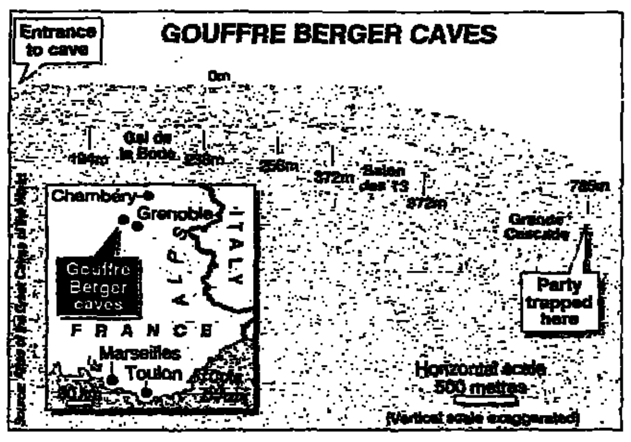
By Michael Horsnell

AN EXHAUSTED British potholer trapped by flood waters 2,500ft beneath the French Alps was yesterday facing a sixth night in the icy tomb where the body of a woman companion is awaiting recovery. A paramilitary police captain in charge of the rescue said high waters in the Gouffre Berger caves would make it very difficult to bring out William Stead and three stranded Hungarians.

Mr Stead, 37, has been waiting to be brought to the surface since torrential rain on Saturday caused a flash flood that swept away an Oxford University expedition, drowning his companions Nicola Perrin and a Hungarian.

Captain Gerard Valich said new ropes were being installed in the caves and that two of the Hungarians suffering from severe hypothermia might have to be brought out on stretchers, seriously delaying the rescue.

M Valich said that the survivors were cold and weak and would need medical treatment. Rescuers located the body of Mrs Perrin, 31, and Torda Istan, 25, on Wednesday, and yesterday doctors reached the survivors in one of the most dangerous parts of the caves.



Mr Stead, a bachelor, and Mrs Perrin, married, both from Merseyside, remained members of Oxford University Cave Club after graduating. They had been due to join an annual six-week expedition of 20 members exploring caves in the Picos de Europa in northern Spain after stopping off for some "tourist caving" at the popular Gouffre Berger caves near Grenoble.

Dr John Singleton, a senior member of the club who lectures in condensed matter physics at Oxford, said yesterday: "Everyone is devastated by what has happened. Nicola and William were very experienced potholers, very physically fit and well prepared for any eventuality. They were overtaken by an act of nature for which there is no preparation. This is the first fatality the club has known."

He added: "Any suggestion that Nicola and William were foolhardy in going down is wrong. They were two of the very best potholers I would first choose to take on an expedition with me. When a flash flood occurs it is largely luck where you happen to be at the time."

Mrs Perrin graduated in geography from St Hugh's College, Oxford, in 1986. She and her husband, Nick, had no children.

Mr Stead graduated in chemistry from University College in 1978 and took a DPhil before joining the chemical products manufacturers Lever Bros near his home. Both kept extremely fit.

When they failed to return on Monday British and French rescuers converged on the 3,702ft deep Gouffre Berger in the Vercors plateau near the village of Engins. The temperature in the caves never rises higher than 3C and humidity is 100 per cent.

Twenty-nine rescuers carrying wetsuits and food were down the pothole yesterday as flood waters subsided. They had first secured a telephone line to the survivors.

Officials said the group were taken by surprise by rising water. They had separated before beginning their ascent, with the three Hungarians staying to collect equipment.

Twenty accidents have taken place in the Berger cave since its discovery in 1953. The body of a 17-year-old Briton, Alex Pitcher, was found in June 1988, ten months after he was lost. Jack Pickup, controller with the Cave Rescue Organisation, covering the Yorkshire Dales, said: "I wouldn't say it's particularly dangerous. People get into trouble when the water rises because it really shoots through."

Visits to the cave have to be booked through the local mayor. So great is its popularity that there is a three-year waiting list.

Nicola Perrin, who drowned in the French cave

Autistic girl wins right to US school funding

By John O'Leary
Education Editor

AN AUTISTIC six-year-old girl won the right yesterday to council funding for her to be educated abroad. The High Court ruling will set a precedent for families with severely disabled children.

Tracy Cherrih challenged the refusal of Cheshire County Council to part-fund a place for her daughter, Hannah, at the Higashi School, a pioneering special school in the United States, where the fees are almost £53,000 a year. The costly dispute prompted the judge hearing the case to express "despair at seeing this haemorrhage of money".

Mr Justice Sedley said a hearing at which the Special Educational Needs Tribunal backed the council was flawed and should be held again. The tribunal could order the council to pay part of Hannah's education costs if the sum was no more than the cost of educating her in Britain.

Jack Rabinowicz, Mrs Cherrih's solicitor, said later that although the Higashi was the first choice for many parents of children with learning difficulties local authorities were reluctant to meet even part of the costs. "But the judge has accepted this is something which they must seriously consider."

Mrs Cherrih obtained private funding to send Hannah to the Higashi School, Boston, in September 1993. Hannah made considerable progress but had to return home last April when the money ran out.

The judge said an "unhappy and wasteful deadlock" followed when the county council offered to fund Hannah's schooling retrospectively, but but not at Higashi. Mrs Cherrih rejected what she regarded to be an "unsuitable" alternative offer of a place for Hannah as a £35,000-a-year day pupil at Lambs House special school, in Cheshire.

An unnamed benefactor offered to pay the difference between the costs of the English and American schools, but the education authority stood by its decision.

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Fruits of summer the ideal blend

By Robin Young

FRESH fruit can be used to make refreshing summer drinks and ice lollies. Suggestions from the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Information Bureau include using the blender to make cocktails from peaches, nectarines and cherries, or a variety of tropical fruit. Honey, mixed spices, nutmeg or wine can be added to taste.

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Morrisons: chicken breast fillet supreme £8.36 a kg, super roaster chickens up to 2.75kg £3.99 each, Kingsmill loaf 49p for 800g, macaroni cheese 79p for 300g, Gaio fruit yogurt 95p for 4 x 125g.

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Sainsbury's: fillet steak £15.19 a kg, pork boneless loin chops £5.79 a kg, boneless chicken breast £3.95 for four, trout fillet £8.35 a kg, plums 64p a lb, Galia melons 74p each, apple juice £3.99 for 6 x 1ltr.

Somerfield: fillet steak £13.86 a kg, whole/half lamb shoulder £3.29 a kg, whole roast chicken £3.48 a kg, tomatoes 79p for six, mangetout £1.09 for 200g, sugarsnap peas £1.09 for 200g, red potatoes £1.45 for 2.5kg, mixed salad 49p for 180g.

Tesco: forerib of beef £3.99 a kg, half leg of lamb £5.39 a kg, pork loin steaks £5.39 a kg, salmon steaks £2.95 a lb, cod fillet £1.95 a lb, peaches and nectarines 19p each, cherries £1.74 a lb, white seedless grapes £1.49 a lb.

Waitrose: British roasting beef £4.39 a kg, boneless chicken breasts £6.49 for six, smoked haddock fillets £2.95 a lb, Duke of York new potatoes 75p a kg, sweetcorn 39p each, Braeburn apples 49p a lb, raspberries £1.99 for 360g, squeezed Florida orange juice £2.49 for 1.75ltr.

Pilot describes air-drop killing

By A Staff Reporter

AN RAF Hercules pilot told a court yesterday how he hit and killed an Army private while making an air-drop during a low-flying exercise. Squadron Leader Michael Morison, 42, denies prosecution claims that he was buzzing ground crew in a game of "chicken".

Giving evidence at Bristol Crown Court, he described how he was distracted by a sudden instrument failure moments before the accident at South Cerney airfield, near Cirencester, Gloucestershire, on August 4, 1994.

Private Christopher Game, 21, from Poole, Dorset, was standing on top of a recovery truck and was struck by the rear ramp of the aircraft, which was flying at 140mph at 12ft to 14ft from the ground.

Squadron Leader Morison, who denies manslaughter, said that, moments before, he had glanced down at the radar-altimeter after his flight engineer said that it was faulty. "I was surprised because it had never happened to me at that stage before. I believe I was levelling out at 50ft at this point."

When he looked up to the left of the aircraft's nose he saw a man standing on the roof of a lorry. There was an impact one or two seconds later. "I felt a thump through the airframe. I was horrified."

Earlier, Nigel Pascoe, QC, for the defence, told the jury: "This decent, responsible, likeable man was virtually incoherent on the ground immediately afterwards. We say this was a dreadful accident to which his flying might have contributed, but it was not a criminal act."

Asked by Mr Pascoe about low-flying regulations, Squadron Leader Morison said that, over approved drop zones, he considered he was authorised to fly as low as 10ft.

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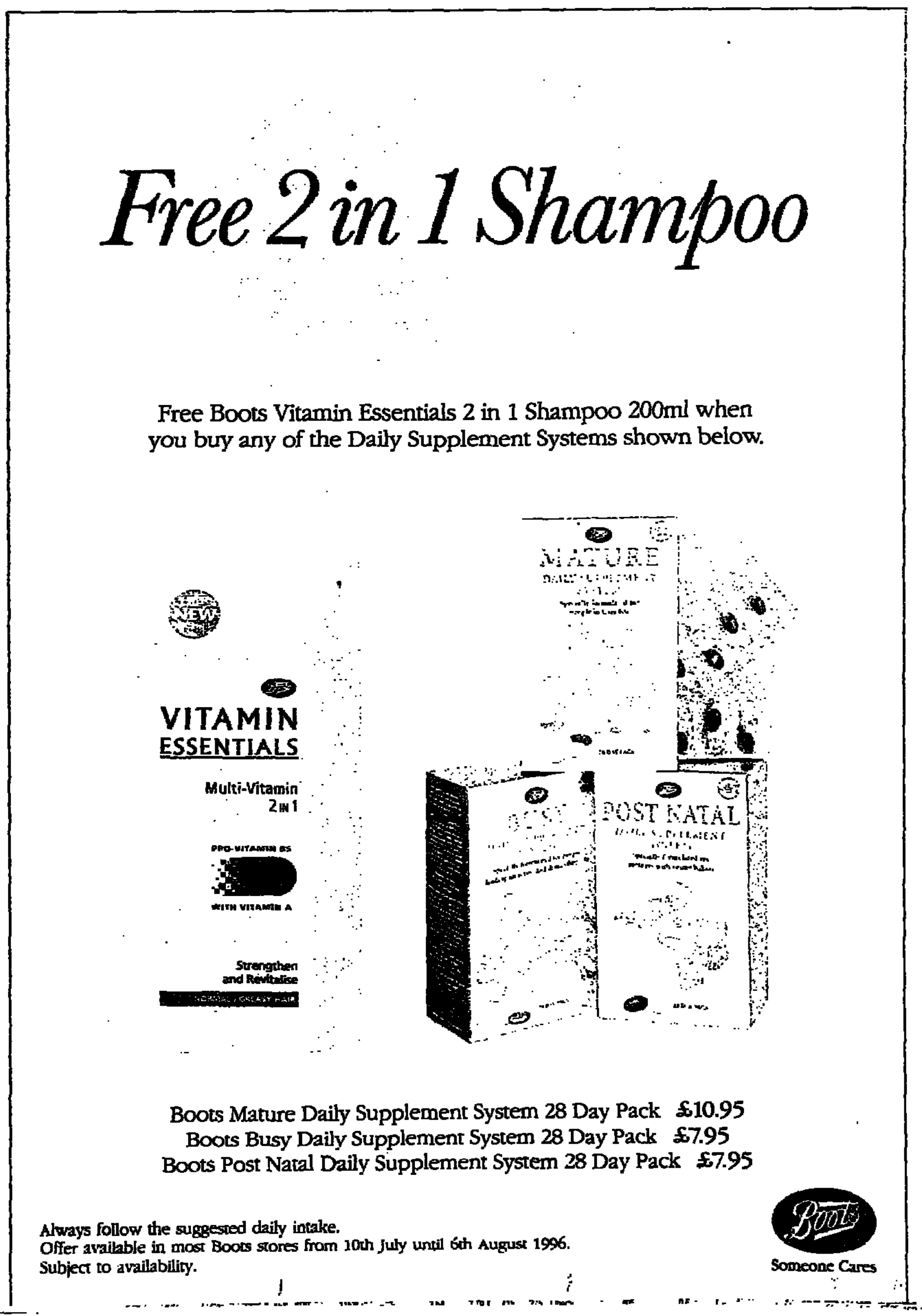
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Indian households are top investors in the stock market

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

INDIANS have embraced Margaret Thatcher's vision of a share-owning democracy and are the keenest players of the stock market in Britain, according to a government survey disclosing the nation's saving habits.

Members of the Indian community are more likely to own stocks and shares than other groups and flocked to subscribe to the big Conservative privatisations of public utilities. Indian households also have a higher proportion of building society accounts than other ethnic groups.

However, their prosperity does not extend to all Asians. Among Indian households, 23 per cent have stocks and shares, compared with 21 per cent of whites, 12 per cent of blacks and 8 per cent of Pakistanis and Bangladeshis. Richard Berthoud, of the Policy Studies Institute, explained the differences by class and income: Pakistanis and Bangladeshis in Britain are particularly poor and blacks tend to have working-class jobs, while many Indians are middle-class.

Sukhwant Sandher, 33, co-ordinator of the Indian Workers' Association, a friendly society, said: "It's a question of priorities. I know English friends who have to have their annual two-week holiday. It doesn't occur to me that that's what I should do.

"My children are quite young, but I am thinking for the long term to leave them a nest-egg, because that is the way I was brought up."

The flotation of the building societies made many Indians instant shareholders because so many of them had savings accounts. They also bought into the privatised utilities as safe investments.

The *Family Resources Survey*, published by HMSO for the Department of Social Security, shows that nearly a third of British households have no savings and almost half have saved less than £1,500. The elderly have the most financial assets, with 30 per cent of pensioner couples having saved £20,000 or more, making them ineligible for free residential or nursing care if they need it.

Hopes that large numbers of Britons would become shareholders have failed to materialise, despite 17 years of Tory exhortations. Just over a fifth of households have any stocks or shares. Only one in nine has invested in Tessas.

The figures raise an intriguing question about the Scots. Although they are known to be almost as wealthy as the English and much richer than the Welsh, they have fewer savings and current accounts. Perhaps the stereotype of a canny Scot hiding his fortune under the mattress has some factual basis after all.

People in their early sixties are the most likely to own stocks and shares, Tessas and unit trusts. The over-80s are the best customers of Post Office accounts.

More 5 to 15-year-olds have Post Office savings (12 per cent) than single parents (10 per cent). However, only 7 per cent in their twenties have stocks and shares and only 12 per cent in their thirties. But 15 per cent of babies have a building society account before their first birthday.

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Other building society	58	48	59	28
Other bank account	20	12	14	12
Other accounts	2	2	2	2
Gilts	2	0*	1	0
Unit trusts	7	2	9	2
Stocks and Shares	21	12	23	8
National Savings Bonds	8	0*	3	2
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Premium Bonds	32	9	22	11
Any type of account	91	78	90	75
No accounts held	9	22	10	25

Source: Family Resources Survey *Negligible

JULIAN HERBERT

Travelling backwards may be an advantage for horses

Horse in reverse is the one to back

By Michael Hornsby

RACEHORSES may run faster if they go backwards — not in the race itself, but on their journey from the stable to the course. Research suggests the animals suffer less stress and waste less energy in horseboxes if they travel facing the back.

Racehorse trainers and handlers said yesterday that there might be something in the theory, but doubted that the benefits would be big enough to warrant changing the current practice of mainly forward-facing transport.

Derek Cuddeford, a senior lecturer at Edinburgh University's school of veterinary studies, who took part in the research, said: "I cannot promise that backward-facing horses will necessarily win, but anything that reduces stress must be beneficial. You are maximising the chances of the horse performing well."

The experiment, reported in the latest issue of the *Veterinary Record*, showed that thoroughbreds transported facing backwards had lower heart rates, neighed less often and maintained better balance. Their heart rates were also lower when loaded into trailers backwards.

According to the researchers, horses "have evolved to carry about 60 per cent of their bodyweight over the forelegs, and the hindquarters are poorly designed for continual shifting of weight and direction". A backward-facing horse can cope better with lateral sway, which is more pronounced at the back of the trailer. Facing the rear, they say, the horses are also able to rest their rumps against the bulkhead during deceleration.

Merrick Francis, managing director of Lambourn Racehorse Transport and son of the racing novelist Dick Francis, said: "In the 1950s and 1960s, most horses did travel facing backwards. One of the main reasons for the change was that the lads minding the horses did not like being stuck at the back of the lorry."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Soccer star cleared of assault

The Manchester United player Nicky Butt was cleared of headbutting a love rival. A jury at Manchester Crown Court found him not guilty of assaulting Peter Oldbury, 26, in the toilet of a Chinese restaurant.

Mr Oldbury, who once dated the player's girlfriend, Shelley Barlow, had claimed that the player broke his nose in an unprovoked attack. But Mr Butt, 21, of Heaton Mersey, Greater Manchester, told the court that the "envious" Mr Oldbury was the one who had been causing trouble since he started seeing Ms Barlow in 1993.

Scott restoration

The Scott Monument in Edinburgh is to be restored with the help of a £1.6 million lottery grant. The work will take 16 months and is expected to start next spring.

Ecstasy charges

Two Britons have been charged in Sydney with importing Ecstasy. Richard Meston, 19, and Ian Hines, 23, of Romford, east London, were remanded in custody.

Overwork award

June Telford, a Newcastle upon Tyne hotel worker, has won a £3,000 payout after being sacked for working too hard. Employers claimed it was endangering her health.

Woman freed

A woman jailed for contempt of court after hitting a barrister with a can of peas was freed yesterday by the Court of Appeal, which cut her three-month sentence to 28 days.

Toddler to rescue

A girl of 3 rang 999 after her mother fell downstairs and gave her address in Portsmouth. Ambulance staff found that Abigail Harfield's mother had fallen because of flu.

Gnome home

A bungalow in Pembrokeshire is for sale on condition that the buyer takes on 191 gnomes in the garden, which have become a tourist attraction and raise money for charity.

Cancer charity will put women in a more positive frame

MEDICAL BRIEFING

PART of the pleasure of walking down Walton Street in Chelsea has been the opportunity of peering longingly through the window of Sarah Davenport's art gallery. Mrs Davenport has made a speciality of paintings of dogs. In her window huge canvases of Newfoundland dogs and lean Victorian greyhounds have jostled with watercolours by Samuel Howett and cushions embroidered with pictures of bulldogs.

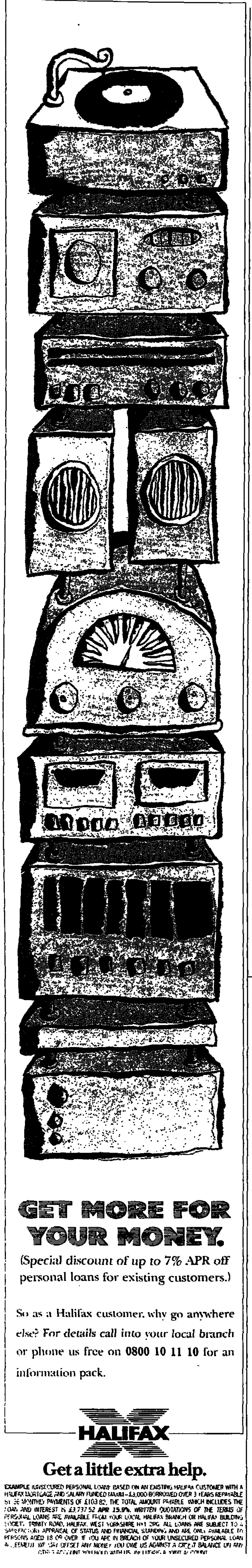
The gallery has been taken over by another dealer, who judging from the present exhibition is not at all interested in dogs. All of Mrs Davenport's pictures, both from the gallery and her private collection, are being sold at Bonhams on October 10 to fund a new charity, the Breast Cancer Trust, which will be associated with Charing Cross Hospital in London.

Mrs Davenport is to devote her time and money to the charity, which will be particularly concerned with the emotional and other psychological problems that face women who need to have breast surgery. From the experience of her friends, she has found that although the health service offers wonderful medical care it does not always give them the general support they need.

The Lancet has recently published a major report from the Imperial Cancer Research Fund's epidemiology unit in Oxford on the effect of the Pill on the incidence of breast cancer. The statisticians have studied the case histories of more than 50,000 women who had breast cancer and 100,000 women without it who acted as controls.

It is widely known that those women who take the Pill have a slightly greater chance of developing cancer of the breast, and that has been confirmed by the study. The increased risk is small. If 10,000 women took the Pill up to the age of 30 there would be five extra cases of breast cancer. It is less well known that ten years after stopping the Pill a woman who had previously taken it is at no increased risk of developing breast cancer. Nor is it appreciated that women who take the Pill tend to have cases of breast cancer diagnosed earlier, and therefore probably have a better chance of making a complete recovery.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford



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Lung bypass is shown to halve baby death rate

By Gillian Bowditch
Scotland Correspondent

Success story: Declan McMeekin and his father

THE lives of dozens of newborn babies with potentially fatal lung problems have been saved by a controversial new lung-bypass machine, doctors said yesterday.

The results of a nationwide study into extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO), published for the first time today in *The Lancet*, show that the machine, which costs more than £50,000, almost halves the death rate for babies with respiratory problems.

The ECMO is a life-support machine which allows a baby's lungs to rest. A line is put into the baby's heart through the artery in the neck and its blood is withdrawn, oxygenated and pumped back into the body. The treatment, which is usually needed for five to six days, costs an average of £20,000 per baby.

About 200 babies a year are born with conditions such as high blood pressure in the lungs or pneumonia, which could be treated using ECMO. Many are at death's door by the time they reach the hospital and transporting them is a high-risk business.

Initially British paediatricians were sceptical about the machine, which was introduced to Britain from the United States six years ago. Many doctors believed that it had little to offer over conventional ventilator and drug treatments. But a £1.2 million study funded by the Government shows that the system is a success and that many more babies may be saved in future.

The machine is available at only five hospitals in Britain: Glenfield Hospital, Leicester, the Hospital for Sick Children in Great Ormond Street, London, Freeman Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne, King's College Hospital, London, and the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Yorkhill, Glasgow.

Carl Davis, a consultant paediatric surgeon at the Glasgow hospital, said the randomised study showed that, of the 93 babies given ECMO treatment, 32 per cent died compared with a 59 per cent death rate for the 92 babies given conventional treatment. In total 83 hospitals participated in the study by assessing patients and sending them to the ECMO hospitals.

The data was independently assessed by the eminent epidemiologist Sir Richard Doll, who called a halt to the study last November when it became apparent that ECMO offered the best treatment for seriously ill newborn babies with lung problems.

Mr Davis said the Glasgow hospital, which was one of the pioneers in the study, had treated 66 children from all over Britain with ECMO and had an 80 per cent success rate with newborn babies.

The hospital has three ECMO machines, one of which is kept in reserve. It has trained 22 nurses in the specialised technique and each ECMO patient needs full-time care from two nurses.

Dr Charles Skeoch, a consultant paediatric physician at the Glasgow hospital who took part in the pioneering study, said the clear-cut results meant that he could approach parents in the confident knowledge that the ECMO machine was the best hope for their babies.

"This is the first study that has really made a difference to my neonatal practice," he said. "Now I can say, 'This machine is the best chance your baby has.' "

Ailing boy showed instant response

WHEN Declan McMeekin was born by emergency Caesarean section on November 2, 1993, doctors at Bellshill Maternity hospital, Lanarkshire, realised that there was a serious problem with his lungs.

In the womb he had inhaled meconium, the sticky waste product most babies expel in their first nappy, and was close to death. When his mother first saw him he was in intensive care, lying motionless with his eyes closed.

The next day doctors were extremely concerned about his survival and Maureen and Stephen McMeekin were asked if they would take part in the ECMO trial.

Initially they were sceptical. "I felt Declan had been through so much already," Mrs McMeekin, who is expecting her second child in September, said. "I didn't want to put him through anything else. I felt he had had enough."

She and her husband realised, however, that ECMO could be the baby's last chance. Declan was taken to the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Glasgow and put on ECMO. "He picked up immediately," Mrs McMeekin, 28, said. "In Bellshill he had been lying lifeless. On ECMO he opened his eyes."

Declan was sedated but awake, allowing his parents to care for him. He came off the ECMO machine after five days and was home at five weeks old.

The treatment was not without stresses. Mr McMeekin's weight dropped by two stone and for a time he lost the power of speech. Mrs McMeekin said: "Declan is now a healthy, normal two-year-old and so the trauma at the time was worthwhile."

ADRIAN SHERRATT

Amanda Noon with daughters Shanice, left, whose life was saved, and Whitney

Hospitals seek new blood for donor campaign

By Jeremy Laurance, Health Correspondent

BRITAIN'S two most generous blood donors helped to launch an appeal for 50,000 volunteers yesterday to avert the growing threat of blood shortages at hospitals.

Fred Osborne, 67, who has given 167 units of blood over 40 years — believed to be a world record — and Ted Newbury, 60, who has given over 2,000 units of plasma, the straw-coloured fluid that carries the red blood cells, said yesterday they needed younger people to take their places.

Demand for blood is rising by 2,000 units a week on top of the 50,000 units already used because of the increase in complex operations, such as hip replacements and heart transplants, and new uses for blood products.

The appeal is the largest in the history of the National Blood Service, which marks its fiftieth anniversary this year. A unit of blood or plasma is 450 millilitres, about three quarters of a pint.

Making a plasma donation involves giving blood in the normal way. It is then separated into plasma and red cells and the red cells are returned to the body. Whole blood can be given only once every three months because it takes the body longer to replace the donated red cells.

Mr Newbury, who has given plasma every two weeks since the 1970s, said: "It doesn't affect you physically — you feel better for it." Mr Osborne, who has given blood every three months since 1953, said: "It is nice to know you are giving someone a hand out when they really need it."

The mother of a two-year-old girl who developed septicaemia after an accident paid tribute to the donors who saved her daughter's life. Shanice Porter was climbing into her high chair with a ballpoint pen in her mouth when she fell on her face. The pen pierced the roof of her mouth, allowing air and bacteria into her neck. She was taken to Birmingham Children's Hospital and given a transfusion of albumin, the protein in the blood used to treat shock, which saved her. Her mother, Amanda, 22, said: "I am very grateful to the donors. Without them I would have lost my daughter."

Last year 1.8 million people gave blood, but many regular donors are over 45. The service is hoping to recruit 18 to 30-year-olds.

The campaign will visit 15 towns over the next two weeks to sign up donors. It will be backed by a cinema advertisement featuring Alexei Sayle as a bored blood corpuscle who finds a new lease of life when transfused into another person's circulation.

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Blair and Major remain coy over pay rise plans

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY Blair kept his MPs guessing last night over whether he will accept the 26 per cent pay rise or repeat his past rejection of anything above the inflation rate.

John Major also kept his intentions to himself. Officials said that the question of whether he took the rise was a "private matter".

Mr Blair, who argued for no more than 3 per cent, did not make clear whether he will accept the £17,000 a year extra that he is now entitled to. Last year he declined to take the 4.7 per cent increase approved by MPs, but yesterday he avoided spelling out his intentions. His pay is due to increase from £66,000 to £83,000 immediately, with the prospect of rising to £98,000 after the election if he is in opposition, or £143,000 if he becomes Prime Minister.

Several MPs have already pledged either to turn down the pay increase, pass it to *their staff or give it to charity.*

The continuing confusion over pay came after a complex string of late-night votes in which MPs rejected government attempts to limit them to a 3 per cent rise and overwhelmingly voted for a an extra £9,000 a year.

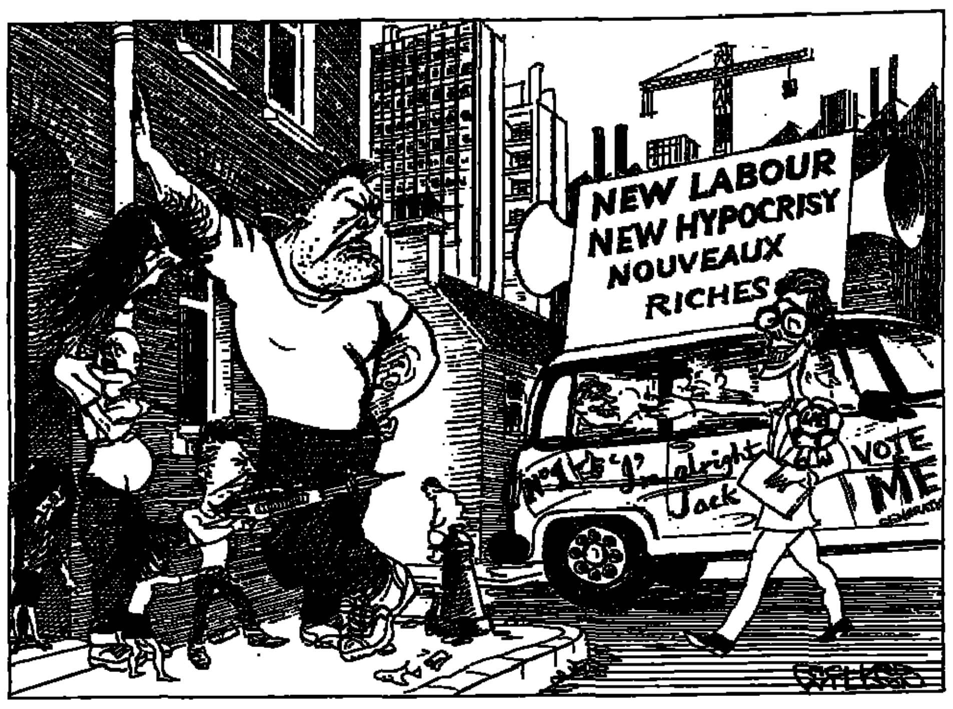
The decisions brought charges of hypocrisy against MPs yesterday, with public sector workers whose salaries have been squeezed for several years leading the attack. Union leaders said they would be demanding similar rises for their members.

Rodney Bickerstaffe, general secretary of Unison, said: "We don't expect plaster saints of our MPs, *but if they are* trying to set an example they ought to think about this. "Let's take the statutory minimum wage. I know that people in that House in the future are going to say millions of people are not worth £4.26 an hour. Then to say *they are worth a 26 per cent* increase — that is what I find objectionable."

Although ministers said they were disappointed that their calls for pay restraint had been ignored, there was relief that MPs had not brought the Commons into disrepute by voting themselves a double bonus.

In the dying moments of a *highly* charged pay debate, Tony Newton, Leader of the Commons, pleaded with MPs not to "cherry pick" the best recommendation from the Senior Salaries Review Body. But a cross-party alliance of 29 MPs tried to do just that, pressing for the 26 per cent *pay rise while opposing a cut* in their generous car mileage allowance, which has a top rate of 74p a mile.

Those MPs from the more remote constituencies claimed that the high mileage allowance was justified because they needed larger cars for long-distance travel. Some say that the reduction will cost them up to £6,000.



Those MPs who voted to keep the higher mileage allowance and have a £9,000 pay rise were:

Conservative: David Ashby (Leicestershire NW), Robert Atkins (South Ribble), David Atkinson (Bournemouth E), Hartley Booth (Finchley), *Michael Brown (Brigg and Cleethorpes)*, Nicholas Budgen (Wolverhampton SW), William Cash (Stafford), Neil Hamilton (Tatton), Warren Hawksley (Halesowen and Stourbridge), Andrew Hunter (Basingstoke), Walter Sweeney (Vale of Glamorgan), Peter Temple-Morris (Leominster), Sir Jerry Wiggin (Weston-super-Mare), Ann Winterton (Congleton), Nicholas Winterton (Macclesfield).

Labour: Eric Clarke (Midlothian), Bill Etherington (Sunderland North), George Foulkes (Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley), George Galloway (Glasgow Hillhead), Llin Golding (Newcastle-under-Lyme), Peter Kilfoyle (Liverpool Walton), John McWilliam (Blaydon) Martin O'Neill (Clackmannan), Tom Pendry (Stalybridge and Hyde), Sir Ray Powell (Ogmore), Terry Rooney (Bradford N), Robert Wareing (Liverpool West Derby).

Joe Ashton (Bassetlaw) voted for both but has pledged to give his additional salary to charity.

Liberal Democrat: Alex Carlile (Montgomery).

There was a curious anomaly in that more than 20 MPs who voted against a 3 per cent rise were then absent from the vote on the 26 per cent rise. They were accused of avoiding controversy, safe in the knowledge that the £9,000 pay rise would be passed. They included:

Conservative: Jonathan Aitken (Thanet S), Sir Richard Body (Holland with Boston), Iain Duncan Smith (Chingford), Edward Leigh (Gainsborough and Horncastle), McNair-Wilson (New Forest), Sir Michael Marshall (Arundel), David Shaw (Dover).

Labour: John Battle (Leeds W), Michael Clapham (Barnsley W and Penistone), Tom Cox (Tooting), *Sam Galbraith* (Strathkelvin and Bearsden), Mildred Gordon (Bow and Poplar), David Hanson (Delyn), Dr Kim Howells (Pontypridd), Eric Illsley (Barnsley Central), Andrew Miller (Ellesmere Port and Neston), Rhodri Morgan (Cardiff W), Robert Parry (Liverpool Riverside), Allan Rogers (Rhondda), Jack Thompson (Wansbeck), Jon Trickett (Hemsworth), Tony Wright (Cannock and Burntwood).

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Messy affair leaves MPs with much to do

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Discretion is often the better part of getting re-elected. For virtually all their parliamentary lives, MPs can hide behind their party whips on controversial votes. But they have had to stand up and be counted over their own pay: and the division lists for Wednesday's votes reveal fascinating patterns of caution and calculation.

They were not entirely free votes. The roughly 130 Tory MPs who form the payroll vote — ministers, whips, parliamentary private secretaries and national officers of the Tory party — were under orders to back restraint and 90 did so. The rest were away on government business, or given the wink by the whips that they could be off for the night. Just 27 Tory backbenchers out of 190 plus who had a genuinely free vote backed the 3 per cent restraint and several of these were ex-ministers like Sir Norman Fowler or Tom King.

By contrast, 124 Tory MPs voted against restraint. Later, Tory backbenchers split 117 to 18 *in favour of the full 26 per cent pay rise recommended* by the Senior Salaries Review Body. A couple of MPs, Michael Carttiss and Sir Peter Lloyd, opposed both the 3 per cent restraint and the full pay rise.

These votes were not entirely random. *MPs who have* announced their intention to retire from the Commons were bolder than colleagues seeking re-election. They no longer need to worry about their constituents. A mere three retiring Tory MPs backed restraint, while 45 *voted against. Retiring* Tories split 40 to 3 in favour of the full pay rise. This is not entirely disinterested since the final salaries of MPs determine pensions.

If MPs were acting rationally, those with safe seats would be more willing to vote for pay *rises than those who are* defending marginals. According to the calculations of Colin Rallings and Michael Thrasher about how the 1992 results would have been affected by the new parliamentary boundaries, the Tories would have held 83 seats with majorities *of 10 per cent or less.* But just six of these MPs voted for the full pay rise — in rising order or majority, Walter Sweeney, Ian Twinn, David Sumberg, Edwina Currie, Tony Marlow and Nicholas Budgen. The last three are well known as rugged individualists, while the pay vote may make no difference to the chances of those with such slim majorities as the first three.

But this does not mean that other MPs with slim majorities voted for restraint. Just five supported pay restraint and opposed the full pay rise. The rest did not vote. After excluding those who are retiring, newly created seats with no sitting MPs and the payroll vote, *slightly more MPs* with highly marginal seats did not vote than voted. The most nervous are those challenged by the Liberal Democrats. Excluding the payroll vote, only five MPs in the top dozen most vulnerable to the *Lib Dems voted and two of those were retiring.*

Tory MPs were not the only ones to defy their leaders. Tony Blair's appeal for restraint was only backed by three fellow Shadow Cabinet members — Gordon Brown (plus his Shadow Treasury team), Donald Dewar and *Mo Mowlam — joined, for* once, by the Labour hard-Left. But 11 other Shadow Cabinet members voted against restraint and in favour of the full recommended pay rise, along with three dozen spokesmen and whips.

So Labour cannot avoid responsibility for the pay decision. Indeed, it is desirable that no party can use the vote for its advantage. But the whole affair has been a mess because pay has not been linked to the Nolan changes or to the review of the size and functions of the House which several MPs urged during the debate. The Commons — and the Lords, too judging by last night's *Iolanthe*-like parade of hereditary peers — has a lot to do to rebuild public confidence.

PETER RIDDELL

MPs' PAY: HOW THEY VOTED

☐ The Government's motion calling on the House to back the principle of a 3 per cent pay rise was defeated by 317 votes to 168, a majority of 149.

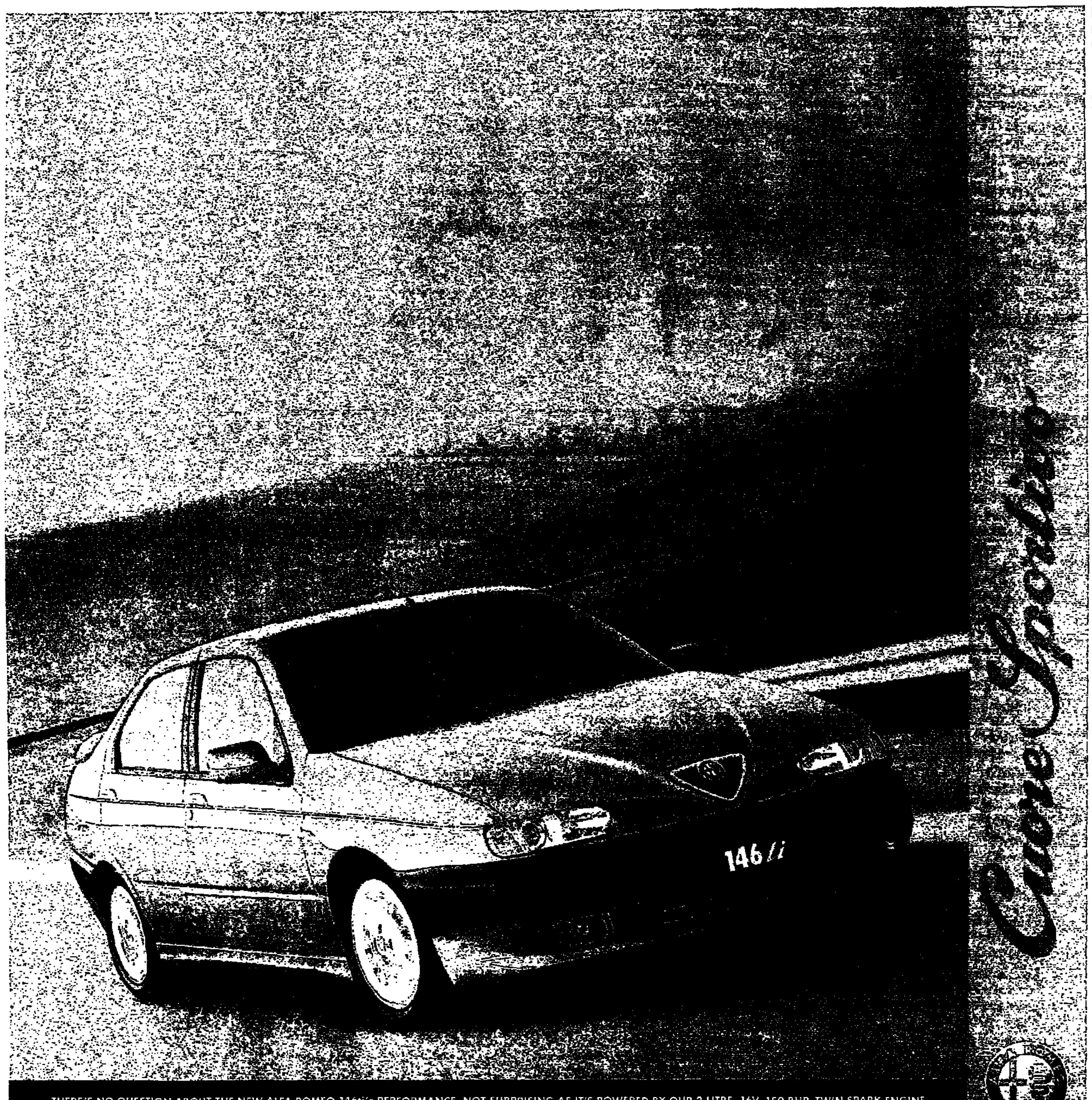
☐ A 26 per cent pay rise for all MPs as recommended by the review body was supported by 279 votes to 154, a majority of 125.

☐ Pay increases for ministers in line with the review body's recommendations were supported by 253 votes to 49, a majority of 204.

☐ A cross-party amendment providing for MPs who leave the Commons after July 1 this year to be treated for pension purposes as if they had an annual salary of £43,000 was accepted by 302 votes to 123, a majority of 179.

☐ The recommendation that car mileage allowances be reduced from a top rate of 74.1p per mile to a uniform rate of 47.2p for all sizes of car was accepted by 376 votes to 39, a majority of 337.

☐ A government motion raising office allowances by more than £2,000 to £46,363 was accepted by 215 votes to 189, a majority of 26.



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Serbs savour sour victory in battered Srebrenica

Anthony Loyd reports from Srebrenica on a Serb celebration as Muslim refugees, now in Tuzla, remembered the day their menfolk disappeared

AS MILITARY achievements go, the capture of Srebrenica, involving the forced expulsion of some 30,000 civilians and the massacre of up to 8,000 Muslim men, may have left much to be desired, but yesterday the Serbs celebrated the anniversary of its "liberation" seemingly undeterred.

Though the streets were hardly festive, awash instead with brown water as a bruised sky unloaded torrential rain onto the battered eastern Bosnian town, a few dozen Serb die-hards and local officials packed into the town hall to be entertained with songs from a children's choir, a short play, and an exhibition of photographs.

"When I see my village I know it is Serbia," went the ragged chorus line of one song. The audience applauded enthusiastically. Although most of them were themselves strangers to Srebrenica, having moved in when the Muslim majority disappeared last July, the irony of their patriotism was lost on them.

"I'm happy the Muslims have gone, and I hope they never come back," said Oriana, 15, one of the choir. She was from Olovo to the southwest, and had never been to Srebrenica before the war. When told there was little chance of their return as all the men were dead, she shrugged nonchalantly and stated, predictably, that it was the Serbs who had lost thousands.

Piles of the latest edition of the local newspaper, *Our Word*, remained for the most part untouched in the foyer. Its headline ran "Srebrenica Forever Serbia", though as it was already a month old it had lost a little of its impact.

The Serb dead were honoured, but there was a mass amnesia regarding the events leading to the slaughter of the Muslims.

Serbs living beside roads on which thousands of men were driven blindfolded in open trucks last July recalled nothing of the event.

Those living in the immediate vicinity of any of the scattered execution sites said they could not imagine why war crimes investigators had appeared with pathologists and digging equipment.

"If there are bodies there, then they are Serb bodies of men killed by the Muslims," said Branimir, 15, a schoolboy. "I don't believe there was any massacre."

It was only the chance remark of a councillor, overheard as he complained to a colleague about the work of the war crimes investigators, that gave any hint of a sullied conscience: "We might all as well go to The Hague now and have done with it," he murmured.

Some 18 miles down the road, at Cerska, the soil being turned by the spades of one such investigation team smelled as sour as the Serbs' fruits of victory. Bodies, little more than skeletons held together by mud-stained clothing, appeared from the earth in the tumbled, grotesque postures of those who have died violently.

So far they remain in situ, marked by the small red flags of the war crimes unit, and were it not for the smell, a sickly stench of decay that gusts upwards with each new corpse uncovered, and the gravity on the faces of those digging, the scene could resemble an archaeological dig.

"If you can smell it from where you stand," one of the diggers remarked to journalists as he knelt over a skull twisted beneath him, "imagine what I can smell here."

Though the atmosphere in Serb-held eastern Bosnia maybe be one of a lingering evil, the overriding impression is one of emptiness. There is no traffic, the streets of Srebrenica are empty, village after village burnt and deserted: silence.

The missing people, those still alive, are in Tuzla, where up to 6,000 Srebrenica women commemorated their own anniversary in the presence of Queen Noor of Jordan.

She was at the head of a delegation of other prominent international women who arrived at the industrial town to mark the first anniversary of the fall of Srebrenica with its breaved refugees and to show their support.

Packing into a sports stadium, groups of women fainted in the emotion-charged atmosphere as videos of their town were shown, including a clip of the notorious moment when General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb commander, assured the inhabitants of Srebrenica that they would all be safe.

Queen Noor spoke of the need for justice and hope, and a letter from President Clinton was read, condemning the "barbaric terror" the Bosnian Muslims had endured.

Whatever the outcome of *The Hague investigation*, at best it may only punish a tiny fraction of those responsible for the massacre at Srebrenica, which is held to be the worst single war atrocity in Europe since 1945.

More of a sense of justice may be found in the future fortunes of those that fought in the fragmented state. There are two worlds today in Bosnia, separated by the checkpoints of Nato troops. The bustling Muslim sector, for all its loss, seems one of economic revival, hope and faith.

The Serb world is one of destitution, bitterness and tortured psychosis; a dark emptiness where they eke out a living among the bones of their victims.

It seems that what they feared they hated: now that they have purged themselves of every trace of their fears, they have nothing left at all. Maybe that is justice.

Queen Noor, left, EU Commissioner Emma Bonino, centre, and Swanee Hunt, US Ambassador to Austria, arrive at *Tuzla airport yesterday as world women leaders joined Muslim refugees on the first anniversary of Srebrenica's fall*

Arrest of two war leaders ordered

By Ben Macintyre

THE Bosnian war crimes tribunal at The Hague yesterday issued international arrest warrants for Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic, making the two Bosnian Serb leaders international fugitives from justice, and possibly opening the way for a commando operation to capture them.

The warrants, issued by tribunal judge Claude Jorda a year after the two men were first indicted for genocide, means they can be arrested in any UN member country. They are now, in effect, trapped within the Bosnian Serb republic.

The issuing of international arrest warrants will renew pressure on the major powers to bring about the capture of the Bosnian Serb leader and his military commander. Senior Western diplomats meeting in London on Wednesday agreed jointly that the "right place for Dr Karadzic is The Hague", and the option of mounting a military "snatch" operation to bring the two men to trial has been discussed in Washington. Hearings into the genocide indictment ended last Monday, after a succession of witnesses described the horror of the Serb "ethnic cleansing" campaign. Prosecutors accused the Bosnian Serb leaders of planning and co-ordinating the campaign, and one witness alleged that General Mladic personally witnessed mass executions of Muslims.

Rather than relying on the Serbian authorities to bring the alleged war criminals to justice, every UN country is now obliged to comply with the warrants.

"The question is what people will do with these arrest warrants," Mohamed Sacirbey, Bosnia's UN ambassador, said yesterday. "Neither the living nor the dead have justice now."

Any hope Dr Karadzic and General Mladic may have had of heading into comfortable exile evaporated yesterday, since any country sheltering the two would lay itself open to the full wrath of the international community.

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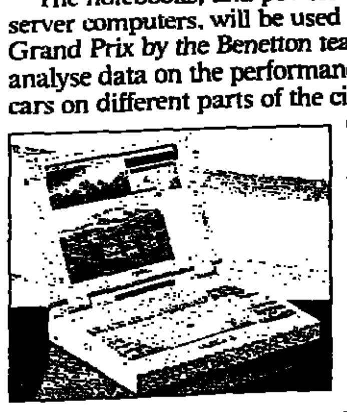

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Moscow bomb raises Chechen tensions

Mine kills Russian general as fighting flares up again

BY THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

A RUSSIAN general was killed by a landmine in Chechenia yesterday and five people were hurt by a bomb on a trolleybus in Moscow which heightened tension in Russia's capital.

The trolleybus, which was just off Pushkin Square in the heart of Mosow, was reduced to a blackened shell by the bomb left in a bag of vegetables. Although it was the morning rush hour, few people were on board and casualties could have been much higher.

Passengers spotted the unattended bag and after they handed it to the driver it blew up, badly burning him, witnesses and officials said. "It is just a miracle that the driver remained alive," a policeman said. No one claimed responsibility for the explosion, the second on public transport in Moscow within a month. On June 11 a bomb on the Moscow metro killed four people and injured 11. No one has been charged with that bombing.

Lebed: backed renewed offensive in Chechenia

The explosion coincided with an upsurge of fighting in Chechenia in which General Nikolai Skripnik, deputy commander of Interior Ministry troops in the North Caucasus, died after his armoured personnel carrier hit a mine near the village of Gekhi, 20 miles southwest of Grozny, the Chechen capital. Dokha Makhayev, a Chechen field commander, was also reportedly killed in fighting near the village, which Russian troops have been shelling since Tuesday.

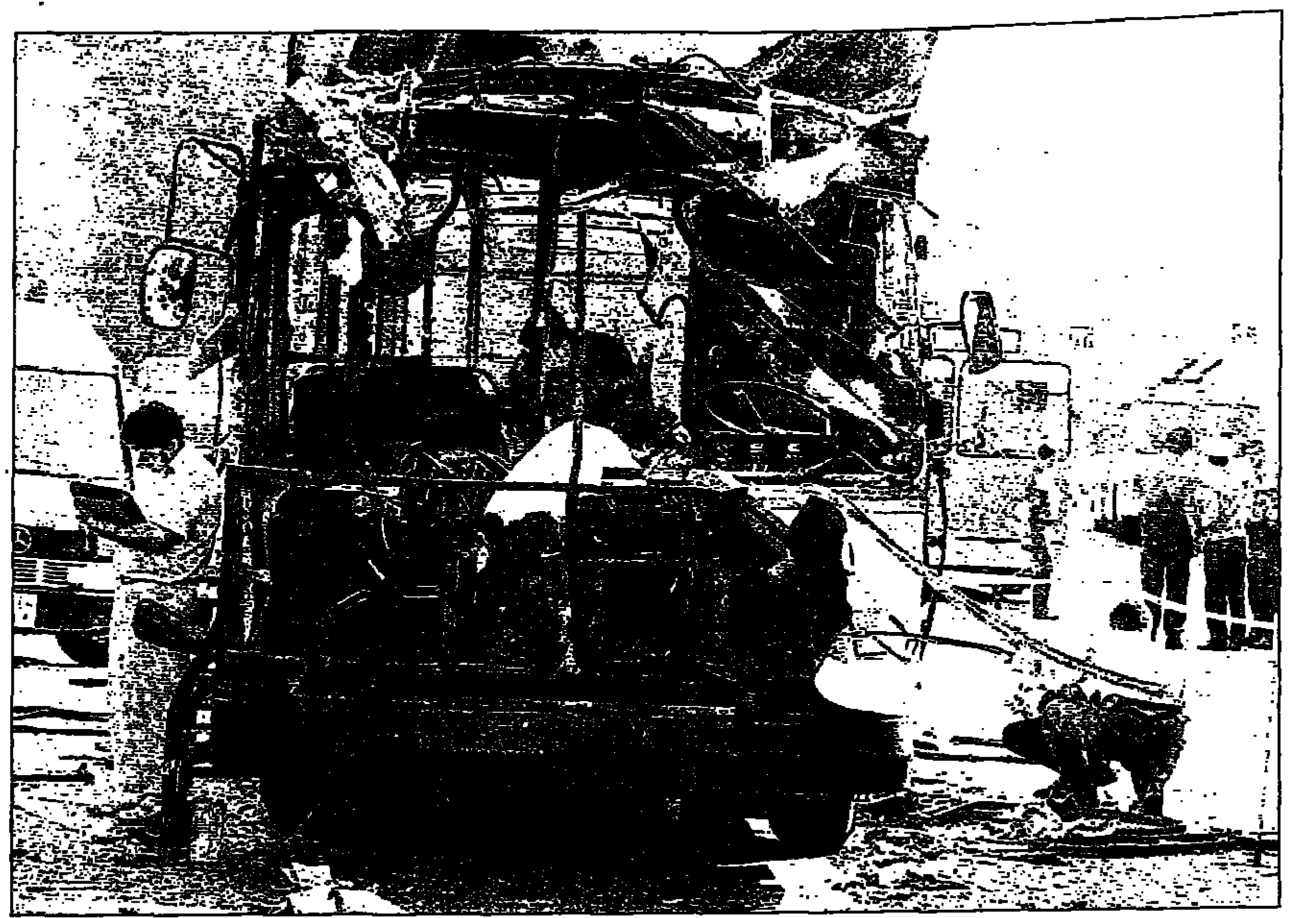
There was speculation in Moscow that the trolley bomb may have been planted either by a separatist fighter or by someone wanting to pin blame on the Chechens. However, there has not been a single proven incident of Chechen terrorism in the Russian capital since the start of the war in Chechenia in December 1994. This is ascribed to the strong hand of the local Chechens who fear that any terrorist incident would damage their business interests.

The bomb went off just after the trolleybus had passed both houses of parliament in central Moscow, the State Duma and the Federation Council, and could have been intended as a gesture of political protest by an extremist group. It also coincided with the signing of a decree against organised crime in Moscow.

Yuri Luzhkov, the Mayor of Moscow, said the blast was clearly a terrorist attack. He said there might be a "Chechen trace" behind it, but added that it was too early to say who was responsible.

However, General Vladimir Shamanov, one of the top commanders in Chechenia, claimed the incident as justification for the new offensive by Russian forces in the republic.

"The most ruthless actions must be taken against these scum in all spheres," he said, vowing that "all remaining pockets of resistance by bandits will be destroyed". General Shamanov said his forces were targeting the village of Mekhketi because Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev, the Chechen rebel leader, was based there.



Police examine the trolleybus destroyed by a bomb in Moscow yesterday. Five people were hurt in the blast

Whether the peace settlement in Chechenia will now collapse completely depends mainly on General Aleksandr Lebed, the new secretary of the Kremlin Security Council, who is expected to co-ordinate policy on Chechenia from now on. The Interfax news agency said that part of General Lebed's new duties would be to advise President Yeltsin on the background of candidates for any new important post — a job that might give him enormous influence over some state or defence appointments.

The general did not mention Chechenia when he condemned the bombing yesterday. He called the explosion "a mad, mindless, terrorist act aimed at destabilising the situation in the country".

General Lebed said that he was "ready to discuss peace with anyone and take certain steps in that direction", including the separatist leadership, during his visit to Chechenia next week. But he also spoke out for the hawkish General Vyacheslav Tikhomirov who initiated the latest fighting, saying he had been forced to go on the offensive.

President Yeltsin, who signed a truce with Mr Yandarbiyev in May, fearing that the conflict could upset his chances for re-election, has failed to address the fresh outburst of violence from his post-election seclusion. Liberal press commentators yesterday attacked Mr Yeltsin over the upsurge of fighting in Chechnia. "Yeltsin has not kept his promise," the popular *Moskovsky Komsomolets* said in a front-page article. "Yeltsin needed peace with the separatists only to win the elections." *Komsomolskaya Pravda* said: "After the 'make-believe peace' in Chechenia, war has resumed for real."

Spain will not be caught napping

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID

A FOREIGN visitor to urban Spain will be struck by the absence of that languid and civilised custom, the mid-afternoon siesta.

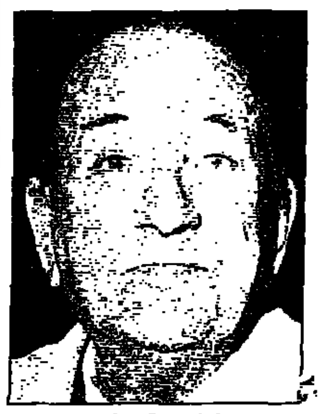
This is not to say that city-dwelling Spaniards "detest a siesta" in the manner of Noel Coward's *Mad Dogs and Englishmen*. Instead, the virtual extinction of the siesta shows that the practices and pressures of a modern. Western economy have at last taken firm root in Spanish soil.

"Spain's entry into the European Community in 1986 in effect killed off the siesta, at least for the urban professional classes," explains Jaime Bugallal, a tax consultant in Madrid.

"This country had to hold its own against the British and the Germans, and the siesta was getting in the way."

Señor Bugallal's wife, Marisa, an architect, says she has "not had a decent weekday siesta for years".

Not everyone approves of the change, however. Ricardo López Polidura, 74, a retired businessman from Oza de los Rios in Galicia — Spain's Celtic northwestern province — believes that too many American and Anglo-Saxon customs have invaded Spain. "The siesta is a fine Spanish invention, and, if I can put it like this, a most healthy sport," he says.



Coward: "Englishmen detest a siesta"

Rome's espresso society embraces pub culture's rough charm

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

THE traditional Italian café is facing a growing threat from an invasion of "British-style" pubs, to which young Italians are increasingly turning to slake their thirsts on hot summer days.

There are now more than 200 pubs in Rome, and a growing number in other major cities such as Milan. Some are ordinary bars with a sign saying "pub" hung outside to cash in on the sudden vogue for *locali anglosassoni*. But many have names such as the Fiddler's Elbow, the Victoria and the Druid's Den.

Inside are plush red seating, dark panelling, barmaids and real ale. There is also a plethora of Irish theme pubs, with names like the St Patrick's, the Black Duke and Flann O'Briens, and some Scottish pubs such as The Mull of Kintyre and the St Andrew's.

Pubs have existed in Rome, as in other European cities, since the 1960s. But the mushrooming of bars *all inglese* (the term covers Scotland and Ireland as well) is becoming a threat to trattorias and wine bars as young Italians turn their backs on Italy's wine culture in favour of lager, bitter or a cool pint of Guinness. The music on tap varies from Celtic bagpipes to jazz and rap.

Some Roman "landlords" complain that the brash new arrivals are a travesty compared to the handful of long-established pubs which carefully reproduce the real thing. At our own local, The Proud Lion — in the shadow of the Vatican — Stefano, the owner, is contemptuous of the pubs which have sprung up in the centre and which often vanish as swiftly as they appear.

"A real pub is not a gimmick, it is a place where regulars can leave messages and answer the telephone," says Stefano, who spent time in Edinburgh learning the trade. His pub is full of Scottish motifs, and a fridge full of bottled beers is disguised as a red British telephone box.

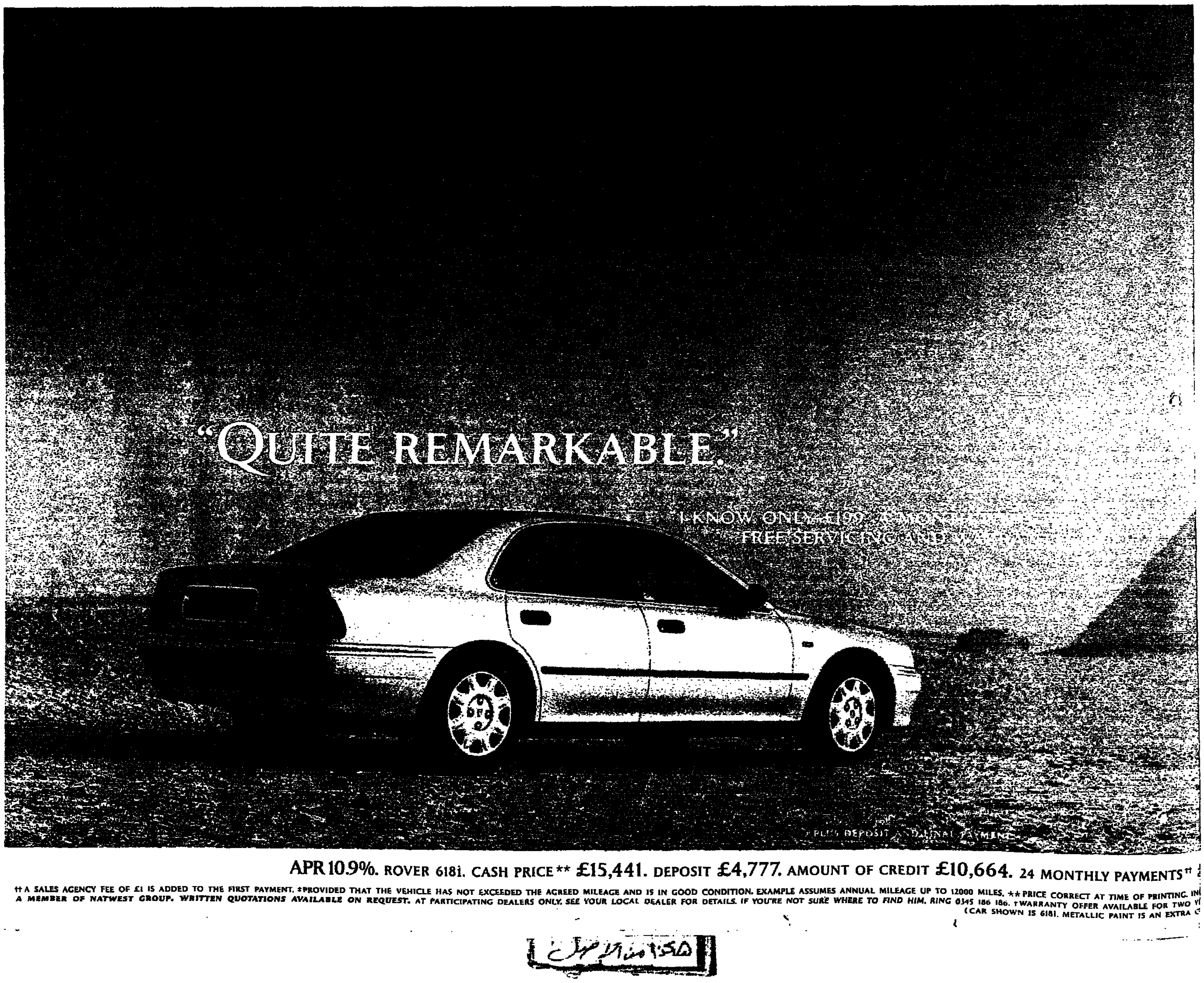
Stefano serves draft beer and stout in pints — just over half a litre — and his clients include occasional Irish priests from the Vatican, where there used to be a bar in the Bapistry until it was closed a few years ago.

The growing fashion for pubs, is making inroads into Italy's café culture. Darts tournaments are catching on, as are bar snacks and blackboards listing the beers and ales available. The phenomenon has even spread from the centre to the Rome suburbs.

Romans, mostly youngsters, consume 300,000 barrels of beer a year, nine-tenths of it imported from Britain, Denmark and other beer-producing countries.

The move to beer has not, so far, brought undue rowdiness with it. Public drunkenness is still frowned on in Italy, where it is more important to cut a *bella figura*.

"We Italians are Anglophile, but the image of England we admire is perhaps an outdated one," a customer said. "We like to sit here and imagine we are in one of those film versions of an Edwardian novel by E.M. Forster. Except for the rap music, that is."



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US deal removes last obstacle to reshaping Lloyd's

By Sarah Bagnall

LLOYD'S of London yesterday overcame the last remaining major obstacle to the success of its radical £14 billion restructuring by striking a deal with American regulators.

In return for a £40 million sweetener payable by Lloyd's to American names, US authorities have agreed a framework deal aimed at ending a string of legal disputes.

The framework agreement was signed yesterday morning just hours before the 12-strong committee of the Gooda Walker Action Group delivered an unanimous recommendation to its 3,000 members to accept their share of Lloyd's £3.1 billion settlement offer, which forms part of the restructuring plan. The action taken by GWAG members is crucial to the success of the settlement offer.

Lloyd's restructuring plan had been under threat from legal actions in America, centring on allegations that a Lloyd's investment is a security and so contravenes US securities law. The fear was that US state securities regulators would bar Lloyd's 2,700 American names from participating in the settlement offer.

David Rowland, chief executive, said: "This agreement removes the final significant obstacle to the resolution of our past problems. I am delighted that we have been able to achieve this through negotiation and compromise, rather than through litigation."

The agreement was signed by the North American Securities Administrators Association (Nasaa) Co-ordinating Committee, which represents the state securities regulators in all 52 American states. The next stage is for the individual states to accept the terms of the framework agreement. For the deal to be finalised, 18 specific states have to sign up. These states are those that have started legal actions or announced that they intend to. In order for the full £40 million sweetener to be paid to Nasaa, for use in reducing American names' bills from about £250 million, states representing at least 80 per cent of names must accept the framework offer.

Michael Deeny, GWAG chairman, said that "no amount of money can ever compensate names for what they have gone through" but he urged names to "put aside their anger" and accept the offer.

Mr Deeny said that, under the terms of the offer, GWAG names were getting more than the High Court judge ruled they were entitled to and far more than they could ever hope to receive in cash. Litigating GWAG names were getting 97 per cent of their £540 million GWAG losses and 74 per cent of all their syndicate losses, he said.

An indication of whether the Lloyd's settlement offer is likely to fail or not will be seen on Monday when names vote at Lloyd's annual meeting on whether to pay a special contribution towards the settlement offer.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3749.0	(-16.8)
Yield	4.05%	
FT-SE A All share	1867.02	(-7.19)
Nikkei	21892.58	(+113.64)
New York:		
Dow Jones	5529.77	(-73.88)*
S&P Composite	647.79	(-8.27)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5¼%*	(5¼%)
Long Bond	86⁷⁄₃₂*	(86⁷⁄₃₂)
Yield	7.08%*	(7.09%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	5¹¹⁄₁₆%	(5¹¹⁄₁₆%)
Liffe long gilt future (Sep)	107⅛	(106¹³⁄₁₆)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5560*	(1.5526)
London:		
$	1.5557	(1.5535)
DM	2.3673	(2.3683)
FFr	8.0104	(8.0156)
SFr	1.9560	(1.9613)
Yen	171.49	(171.07)
£ Index	86.5	(86.5)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5212*	(1.5263)
FFr	5.1480*	(5.1665)
SFr	1.2564*	(1.2632)
Yen	110.20*	(110.40)
$ Index	97.4	(97.4)

Tokyo close Yen 110.39

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Sep)	$19.35	($19.10)

GOLD

London close	$383.45	($382.80)

* denotes midday trading price

Breaking ranks

The Engineering Employers Federation yesterday broke ranks with other employers groups by suggesting that careful implementation of the European directive on the 48 hour working week could minimise its impact to the point where it had little, if any, effect on most UK companies. Page 24

Forced sale

Ibstock, the construction company, will sell six brick factories after threats from Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, to refer the company's proposed acquisition of Redland's brick business to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Page 28

Inflation drops to lowest for 30 months

By Philip Bassett and Janet Bush

HIGH STREET sales put in their strongest performance since January 1990 last month, but Britain's inflation rate still fell to a 30-month low.

The Confederation of British Industry's latest distributive trades survey, published today, shows that all sectors, except specialist food shops, reported a rise in sales compared with a year ago. Booksellers and stationers and sectors closely related to the housing market, including hardware, china, DIY, furniture, carpets and household goods, showed "marked" increases in sales.

Alastair Eperon, chairman of the CBI's distributive trades survey panel, said: "The growth in retail trade gathered pace in June as improving confidence among consumers was reflected in higher spending."

But there is no sign of strengthening consumer demand leading to higher prices, and the City said that there is a good chance of another base-rate cut at the next monetary meeting on July 30.

The Office for National Statistics reported yesterday that headline inflation fell to 2.1 per cent, from 2.2 per cent in May, the lowest level since December 1993, mainly because of lower housing costs.

The underlying rate, which the Government aims to keep at 2.5 per cent or lower, remained unchanged at 2.8 per cent. Food prices rose more this year than last, partly because cold spring weather made many vegetables and fruit more expensive, and there were also higher prices for alcohol and household goods.

Angela Knight, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, said that Britain was set fair for the low-inflation future described in the Chancellor's *Summer Economic Forecast* on Tuesday. This predicted that underlying inflation would fall to 2.5 per cent by the end of this year, and to 2.25 per cent early next year. The optimism on inflation comes in spite of the belief that growth is set to accelerate, fuelled by greater consumer demand, and the two latest sets of figures appear to bear out hopes of this golden combination.

Although the Government targets underlying inflation, wage settlements tend to reflect the headline rate. Simon Briscoe, economist at Nikko Europe, said: "The weakness of the headline rate suggests that pay settlements will fall further and holds out the hope of a virtuous circle developing. The upward pressure on public expenditure in this summer's negotiations will also be less."

Earlier this week there was another encouraging set of producer prices figures showing that inflationary pressures in industry have waned dramatically. With underlying producer output inflation now running well below underlying retail price inflation, the RPI should show further falls in the months ahead.

Geoffrey Dicks of NatWest Markets said that in spite of obvious signs of rising demand, another slight fall in the headline rate in June may be seen as facilitating another cut in interest rates.

Today's CBI survey is the ninth in succession that has shown retail sales volumes rising. Mr Eperon gave a warning that, while such growth was "encouraging", particularly because retailers are expecting the rate of growth to be maintained this month, recent expectations had been disappointed.

However, today's survey suggests that underlying retail growth, which has been broadly stable since the start of the year, is now resuming its upward path, with the three-monthly moving average of retail sales volumes rising from a net 29 per cent to 35 per cent.

Motor traders reported their strongest growth in sales since February 1994, in spite of expectations of a small fall, though sales growth is expected to moderate this month in the run-up to the new licence prefix in August.

Among wholesalers, sales volumes continued to rise, though at a slower pace than had been expected. Stocks remain excessive in relation to demand.

The Chancellor is expecing consumer spending to grow by 3.25 per cent this year, and by 4.25 per cent in 1997.

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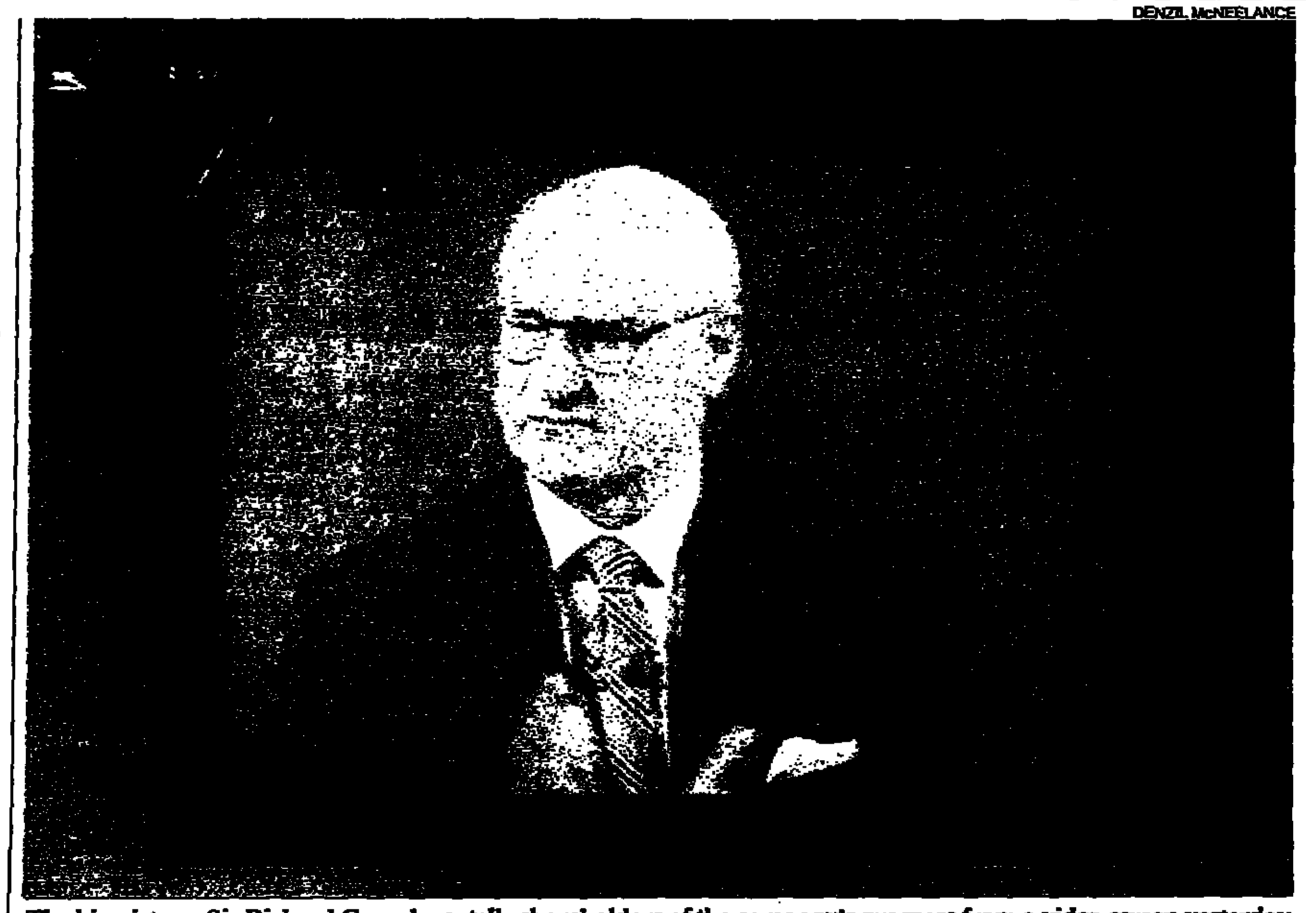

DENZIL McNEELANCE

The big picture: Sir Richard Greenbury tells shareholders of the company's progress from a video screen yesterday

SIB may remove trust net

By Marianne Curphey

THE Securities and Investments Board is considering plans to scrap the 14-day "cooling-off period" for unit trusts, which allows investors to cancel their policy up to a fortnight after signing up.

The SIB is examining whether "cooling off" is still an important piece of consumer protection, or whether new regulations introduced by the Financial Services Act make it unnecessary for investors in a unit trust or a unit trust personal equity plan (Pep).

The SIB says that it has anecdotal evidence that only a small proportion of investors in unit trusts or Peps exercise their right to withdraw during the cooling-off period. A much higher proportion cancel their pension or life policy, especially those have signed up for single premium life insurance.

The SIB review will consider whether benefits for the consumer of the period are worth the cost to the investment house. It has been prompted by the advent of Oeics — open-ended investment companies, with no cooling-off period.

The unit trust industry is thought to favour abolishing the cooling-off period because it feels that the cost of informing investors outweighs the benefits. An alternative would be to retain it, but put information about the right to cancel in the main "key features" document, rather than mailing separate notices.

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Tuckey to end link with ING

By Robert Miller

ANDREW TUCKEY, who was deputy chairman of Barings at the time of the £830 million crash, yesterday confirmed that he would sever his controversial link with ING, the Dutch owner of the merchant bank, at the end of the month.

Mr Tuckey, together with Peter Baring, his chairman, resigned from Barings shortly after the collapse. Almost immediately afterwards, he was taken on again as a corporate finance consultant to advise on such deals as the £6 billion takeover of TSB Group by Lloyds Bank.

Earlier this year, Mr Tuckey agreed with the Securities and Futures Authority, the watchdog for brokers and futures traders, to restrict his City role in the "foreseeable future" to corporate finance.

Shortly after Mr Tuckey, 52, retired on an annual pension of about £120,000.

Tuckey: consultant

Better marks for M&S

By Clare Stewart

FIRST-QUARTER UK sales at Marks & Spencer rose by 8.6 per cent, while international sales increased by 10.7 per cent. Sir Richard Greenbury, Marks & Spencer's chairman, told shareholders yesterday at the group's annual meeting: "There are now signs that the consumer is finally coming out of the trenches."

Sir Richard paid tribute to staff, particularly those affected by the Manchester bombing, which severely damaged its store in the Arndale Centre. He confirmed that Marks & Spencer hoped to open two temporary stores in the City in time for Christmas.

When questioned on ladieswear marketing, Sir Richard acknowledged that mistakes were made last year. He said: "We were possibly too fashion-led in the spring." But in response to a shareholder's criticism of the quality of ladies clothes, he pointed to the group's strong sales last year, which he added was "a bumper year."

Marks & Spencer is continuing its legal action against Granada Television, after allegations made in its World in Action programme earlier this year.

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Somerfield chiefs see huge bonuses

By Sarah Cunningham

SOMERFIELD, the supermarket chain which is to raise £540 million to £570 million from its flotation, will pay executive directors as much as £13 million in bonuses if the sale is a success.

David Simons, chief executive, is set to receive a bonus of between £5.06 million and £5.66 million before tax. Directors will also receive share options, worth approximately four times their salary, exercisable after three years. A further long-term incentive plan, worth the equivalent of five times each director's salary in shares, is linked to earnings-per-share growth.

Andrew Thomas, executive chairman of the Greenalls group, will become non-executive chairman of Somerfield on its listing.

However, the company suffered a blow yesterday when the latest AGB survey of food retailers showed Somerfield's market share declining in June to its lowest level in two years. Mr Simons countered that "current trading is ahead of expectations and like-for-like sales are improving".

The proceeds from the flotation will pay off £192 million of Somerfield Holdings debts and, after expenses, up to £300 million of the debts of the Isosceles group, of which Somerfield is a part. This will cover all of Isosceles's senior debt and a small part of its £500 million junior debt. All connections with Isosceles will be severed after the flotation.

Somerfield also announced that it is to sign a contract with Elf Oil to set up mini-supermarkets on its petrol station forecourts. It will start with a trial at up to five stations.

The company intends to offer 300 million shares at between 180p and 190p. The final price will be set on July 26. Dealings begin on August 2.

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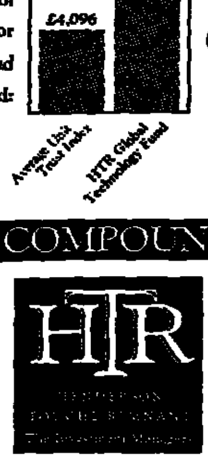

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High-tech nerves send Wall Street tumbling

By George Sivell

WALL STREET fell heavily last night. An hour before the close the Dow-Jones industrial average was registering a fall of around 120 points. The plunge continued despite activation earlier in the day of the New York Stock Exchange limits on computer driven trading, usually triggered by a fall in the Dow of more than 50 points.

Dealers attributed the fall to a sell off by investors of technology stocks. Managed healthcare stocks were also particularly weak. Main source of disappointment was an announcement from Hewlett Packard. Before the start of trading the computer and electronics company warned the market of slower order growth. Hewlett Packard also said it was getting out of the manufacture of disc drives and would be taking a pre-tax charge of $150 million to cover the cost.

Hewlett Packard's bad news came just two days after Motorola Inc reported a steeper than expected 32 per cent decline in second-quarter profits.

In recent weeks, a number of other high-technology companies have warned investors of a slowdown in profits and revenues as a result of weaker demand for personal computers or oversupply of computer chips.

The warnings have Wall Street on alert for the forthcoming results season. "The next few months could be really bumpy," said Douglas Cliggott, senior investment strategist at Merrill Lynch. "Up until a few weeks ago or even a couple of months ago earnings expectations were so positive."

Another broker said that from now on "rallies on Wall Street should be regarded as corrections in a downward market as people raise cash."

Traders on Wall Street are also becomingly increasingly nervous that the Federal Reserve will soon have to raise interest rates. Buoyant American employment figures, announced on Friday last week, caused a fall of more than 100 points. The figures were announced within 48 hours of a decision by the Federal Open Market Committee to leave interest rates unchanged. Economists maintain that if the committee members had seen the jobs figures then they would have been forced into raising interest rates.

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EEF shrugs off fears of 48-hour week ruling

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

THE adverse impact of a maximum 48-hour working week can be minimised if the Government adopts the most flexible options of the European directive on working time, engineering employers said yesterday.

The EEF, which represents employers in the engineering sector, broke ranks with other employers' bodies yesterday when it suggested that careful implementation of the directive could minimise its impact to the point where it had little, if any, effect on most UK companies. The EEF, however, maintains its opposition to the directive.

Reflecting on the practical reality of the planned European directive, rather than the political rhetoric surrounding it, goes a long way to undercut the opposition to the move from the Government and especially from Conservative Euro-sceptics.

The Government is bracing itself for a forthcoming European Court judgement on the UK's legal appeal against the directive, which sets a 48-hour limit on the working week as well as laying down mandatory rest periods. Ministers believe the judgment, still possible later this month, but more likely to be delivered in September, will reject the UK's case.

Conservative Euro-sceptics, angry at what they see as a further extension of Europe's powers over Britain, are urging the Government to reject it, though government and independent legal advice suggests ministers have no ability to do so.

Regardless of the outcome of the court case, the directive will come into force on November 23, but employers believe that although the Government is likely to issue a consultation paper on it shortly after the court judgment, it will not become law in Britain this side of a general election, and probably not until early 1999.

Peter Reid, EEF European affairs co-ordinator, said that the directive offered considerable flexibilities for member states, including the UK. "The directive gives the UK Government scope to introduce it in a flexible way to bring in only the most minor changes in working practices," he said.

EEF leaders support the Government's legal appeal against the directive as a statement of principle, but believe Britain could better avoid the effects of the directive by preparing legislation to put it into UK law, taking full advantage of the available flexibilities.

Previous EEF advice to companies implementing the European works council directive has led to political criticism of the federation, but Mr Reid dismissed the idea that its new statement on working time would lead to similar attacks.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.04	1.88
Austria Sch	17.66	16.16
Belgium Fr	51.76	47.46
Canada $	2.230	2.070
Cyprus Cyp£	0.762	0.707
Denmark Kr	9.69	8.89
Finland Mkk	7.80	7.15
France Fr	8.42	7.77
Germany Dm	2.52	2.31
Greece Dr	387	362
Hong Kong $	12.65	11.65
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.95
Israel Shk	5.32	4.67
Italy Lira	2493	2338
Japan Yen	185.50	169.50
Malta	0.602	0.547
Netherlds Gld	2.809	2.579
New Zealand $	2.40	2.18
Norway Kr	10.67	9.87
Portugal Esc	254.50	236.00
S Africa Rd	7.32	6.52
Spain Pta	206.00	193.00
Sweden Kr	10.99	10.19
Switzerland Fr	2.09	1.91
Turkey Lira	132616	124616
USA $	1.649	1.519

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank plc. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

David Green, chairman, said gains were made despite difficult conditions

Housing recovery lifts Colefax

By Clare Stewart

RECOVERY in the housing market is lifting sales for Colefax and Fowler, the upmarket furnishings and fabrics group.

In the year to April, pre-tax profits rose by 20 per cent to £1.84 million on turnover of £38.9 million. Earnings rose by 24 per cent to 5.7p while a final dividend of 1.15p takes the total for the year to 1.9p.

The improvement came in spite of "difficult trading conditions in most major markets," David Green, the chairman, said. In the US, which accounts for 46 per cent of product sales such as wallpaper and fabrics, sales showed only a small increase.

UK sales were flat in difficult conditions although there is optimism that the improving housing market will "have a positive impact", Mr Green said. Sales in Europe grew by 12 per cent.

With a further cut in borrowings, which had reduced gearing to 16 per cent, and refocusing of the divisions, Colefax and Fowler "is in a strong position to expand profitably", he added. The shares closed up 3p, at 74p.

Life agent faces tax trial in Germany

By Robert Miller and Oliver August

A FORMER German agent of Life, a company said to have had close ties with Titan, the international moneymaking scheme, is to be prosecuted over allegations of tax evasion.

Inquiries by *The Times* have established that the German authorities will go to court next month in Verden, near Bremen, with a case against Peter Appel over his involvement with Life, which subsequently changed its name to Jump before surfacing in the UK as Titan last September.

Herr Appel faces one charge of tax evasion and a second one for illegally operating a "progression game", the German term for pyramid-selling.

The old Titan scheme, which last month was ruled to be "an illegal lottery" in the High Court and one which the Department of Trade and Industry is trying to close down, has been replaced in the past week with a new scheme known as Titan International, an American limited liability company registered in Wyoming.

As with the old Titan scheme, UK members are asked to hand over a joining fee of £3,000 and this is recouped by signing up four or five other new members.

Life started to operate in southern Germany, usually in small rural communities, in the early 1990s. After the flow of new members stopped, many members felt deceived because they couldn't recoup their entry fee. Hundreds of them went to the police and tried to sue the organisers.

One case in particular caused a public outcry. A group of deaf people was persuaded to join Life after having the scheme explained to them through an interpreter. It later emerged that the information conveyed via sign language was wrong and that several of these disabled people had to sell personal belongings to fund their Life membership.

Asked whether the German authorities thought that pyramid selling schemes were illegal, a spokesman for the court said yesterday: "If we didn't think it was illegal we wouldn't try to lock up the organisers."

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Unions join attack on TransCo curbs

THERE could be more deaths from gas explosions and a greater risk to the public as a result of price controls planned by the regulator, unions representing workers at TransCo, British Gas's pipelines division, said yesterday. In a joint submission to Clare Spottiswoode, the gas regulator, the GMB, GMA, TGWU and Unison attacked planned curbs for "misleading the public by not pointing out that the price for their gas bills was an increasing risk of dangerous incidents".

They said: "No-one will guarantee that the regulator's proposals will not lead to greater risk to the public and the possibility of a greater number of deaths from gas explosions and their aftermath." Ms Spottiswoode has said that price curbs on TransCo could deliver immediate bill cuts of £30 a year. But the regulator and British Gas are locked in a bitter dispute over the calculations. British Gas has said it would have to cut half its staff — 10,000 jobs — to meet her targets and that the curbs would place a strain on safety obligations.

Green light for CrestCo

THE Securities and Investments Board (SIB), the chief City watchdog, yesterday gave the formal green light for paperless share trading on the London Stock Exchange to go ahead on Monday as planned. The SIB said it had "approved" CrestCo as operator of the computer system that will enable the £25 million Crest project to provide a fully electronic means of transferring ownership of shares. The watchdog added that "investors can choose to retain their paper certificates if they wish". The SIB has also recognised CrestCo Limited as a Recognised Clearing House.

Peel assets soar

PEEL HOLDINGS, the property investment and port services company, reported a significant rise in net assets to 420p a share from 323p at March 31. Profits advanced to £12.6 million before tax from £11.5 million on turnover that rose to £75.2 million from £70.35 million. Earnings were only marginally higher at 8.45p a share, compared with 8.4p. A final dividend of 4.5p a share lifts the total to 6.5p from 5.5p. The shares rose 14p to 413p yesterday. The UK investment portfolio was valued externally at £513.22 million, giving rise to an underlying surplus of £85.78 million.

Macallan gives in

THE board of Macallan-Glenlivet, the whisky producer, is reluctantly advising shareholders to accept a £180 million hostile takeover bid from Highland Distilleries, the maker of The Famous Grouse. Highland has pooled its 26 per cent stake in Macallan with the 25 per cent stake held by Japanese distiller Suntory. For the 49 per cent minority, Highland is offering 152.5p per share and 523.4p per convertible share. Once the deal goes through, Highland will end up with 75 per cent of Macallan and Suntory will own the remaining 25 per cent.

Caledonian launch

CALEDONIAN Media Communications, the Scottish cable company, said yesterday it is to launch a digital wireless voice and data communications system in Glasgow, similar to the one set up by Ionica in Cambridge, late this year and intends to offer the service in other areas, including Aberdeen. The company lost £812,000 in the year to end-March (£168,000). Most of the loss came from Coventry Cable, sold to KPN, the Dutch phone company, in April for £23.7 million. Caledonian is to change its name to Atlantic Telecom Group.

PhoneLink losses grow

PHONELINK, the electronic information company best known for its Tel-Me business software, reported a pre-tax loss of £6.7 million, or 17.3p per share, in the year to March 31, against a loss of £3.7 million last time. Turnover more than doubled to £4.4 million. The company said the loss was expected and was the result of continued investment in marketing and its Tel-Me products, now used in 6,000 businesses. It said it expects to launch an "electronic commerce platform", allowing goods to be traded on Tel-Me, by the end of the year.

New arrivals at Nynex

NYNEX CABLECOMMS, the second-largest cable company, yesterday appointed Sir Bryan Carsberg and Mel Meskin to its board of directors. Sir Bryan is secretary-general of the International Accountancy Standards Committee and former director-general of both Fair Trading and Telecommunications. Mr Meskin is Nynex's new vice-president of financial operations. Their appointments come at a time of rapid growth among the top cable companies, whose strategy is to compete with BT for telephony customers.

Barratt sales rise 12%

BARRATT DEVELOPMENTS, the housebuilder, yesterday reported a 12 per cent rise in sales of new homes to more than 7,000 in the year to June 30. These figures were released as the company created three new divisions as part of a plan to further increase output to 11,000 homes a year. Frank Eaton, chief executive, said new house sales had increased by more than 40 per cent since 1993 in spite of difficult market conditions. Barratt now has 21 housebuilding divisions in the United Kingdom.

GGT at six-year high

GGT GROUP, the international advertising agency and marketing services group formerly known as Gold Greenlees Trott, lifted pre-tax profits to £5.6 million from £4.5 million in the 12 months to April 30. The increase took GGT's profits to their highest level for six years. Earnings rose to 14.14p a share from 12.5p. There is a final dividend of 3.7p a share, lifting the total to 5.8p from 5.3p. The group operating margin improved to 10.2 per cent from 9.5 per cent.

Mandela helps to launch fund for African growth

By Jon Ashworth

NELSON MANDELA joined Michael Heseltine at Marlborough House, London, yesterday at the launch of an investment fund aimed at channeling millions of dollars to unquoted companies in Africa. The Commonwealth Africa Investment Fund (Comafin), backed by an initial $52.5 million, will target ventures in sub-Saharan Africa.

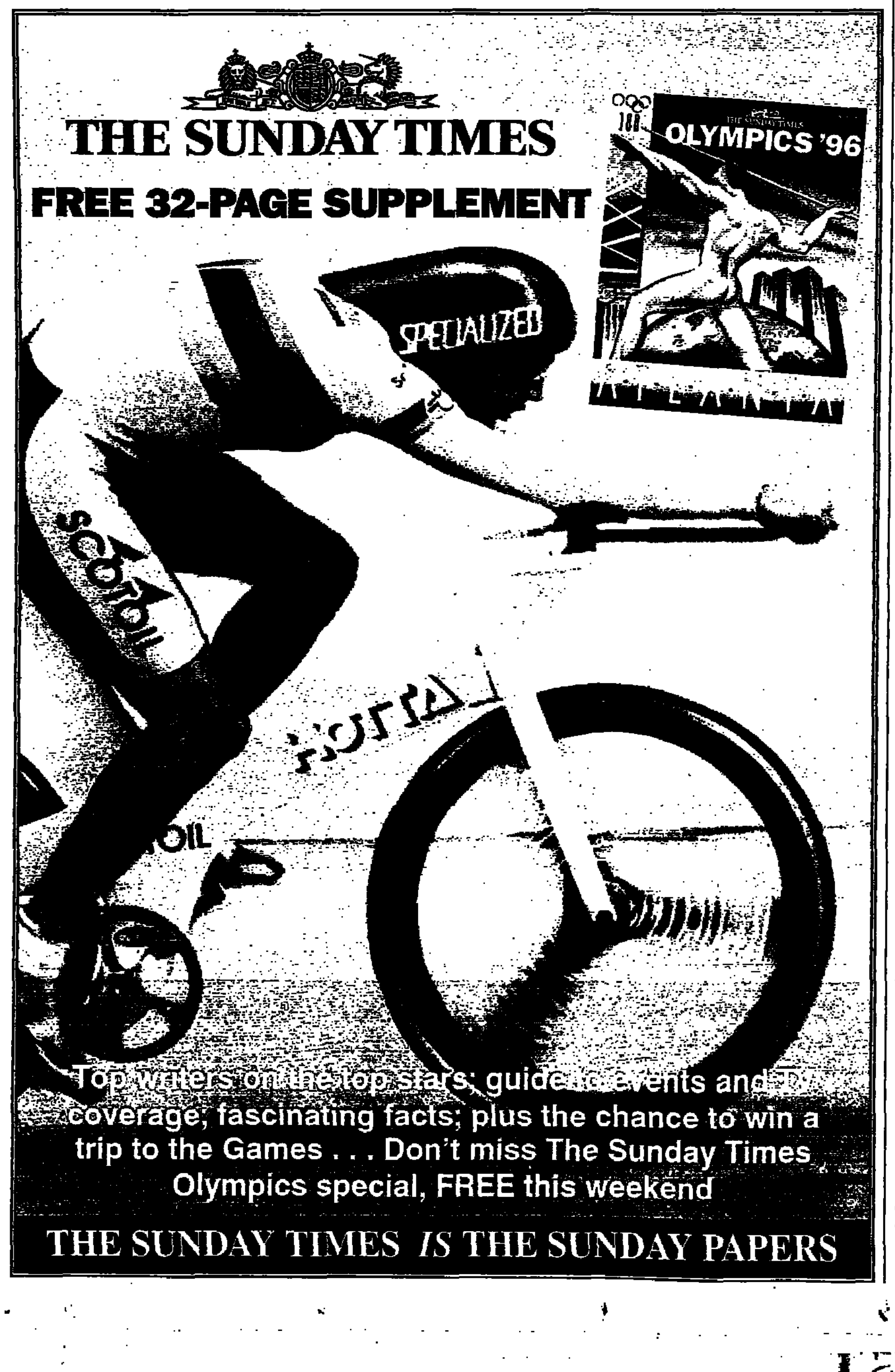
Comafin is backed by the Commonwealth Development Corporation (CDC), Britain's overseas development finance institution. CDC operates in 50 countries, channeling funds into poorer nations, particularly those focusing on economic reforms. At the end of 1995, CDC had investments of £1.5 billion in 369 enterprises.

The Africa fund is the first in a planned series of regional investment funds to fall under the Commonwealth Private Investment Initiative, a pan-Commonwealth venture set up by finance ministers last year. Chief Emeka Anyaoku, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, said Comafin's aim was to channel investment into new and emerging markets, and to stimulate small and medium-sized companies.

Chief Anyaoku said: "Comafin is being launched at a timely conjuncture. Many Commonwealth African countries have implemented far-reaching economic reforms. A number of them are experiencing an improvement in their economic prospects. The courageous efforts of these countries need to be matched by initiatives to boost investment in their economies."

Each of the 19 Commonwealth countries in Africa will be eligible, subject to a maximum country limit of 25 per cent. South Africa will not be excluded despite its comparative wealth. No more than $6 million will be invested in any particular venture.

CDC has invested $25 million in Comafin. Lord Cairns, chairman of CDC, said investments would be monitored by CDC's regional offices. Comafin will be managed by a CDC subsidiary in Harare, Zimbabwe.



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Caledonian postpones float

By Eric Reguly

CALEDONIAN Publishing, owner of *The Herald* and the *Evening Times* newspapers in Scotland, postponed its flotation yesterday after receiving unsolicited bids from Scottish Television and at least one other potential purchaser. It said the bids valued the company at about £120 million.

Scottish Television, the ITV company of which Gus Macdonald in chairman and which is 20 per cent owned by the Mirror Group, publisher of the *Daily Record* in Scotland, said: "In discussions over recent months, the managements of Scottish and Caledonian have identified many areas in which the quality and the profitability of their businesses could be enhanced though combining the two companies." Caledonian's flotation was expected to value the company between £100 million and £110 million and a bidding war could take it significantly higher.

Analysts and newspaper executives said that other potential bidders might include the Barclay brothers, who own *The Scotsman* and *The European*, the Daily Mail & General Trust, and Trinity International Holdings.

Newsquest, the ambitious regional newspaper group that has submitted an offer for Pearson's Westminster Press division, has ruled itself out of the running. It believes that the outlook for regional newspapers in Scotland is not positive because many of the national dailies, including *The Times*, are trying to build up circulation there.

Macdonald: discussions

Caledonian was created in 1992 when its management bought it from Lonhro. The company had a rough start because it found it had to invest in new technology and reduce costs. About 150 of its 750 employees were made redundant.

The worst appears to be over and Caledonian, which is half owned by Robert Fleming and Co, is forecasting a pre-tax profit of £4.8 million in the year to the end of September 1996, compared with pre-tax profit of £3.9 million in the previous period.

☐ Trinity Newspapers Southern, a subsidiary of Trinity International, has agreed to buy the three free distribution South East London Mercury titles from Westminster Press, subject to regulatory approval. The three titles are the *Lewisham Mercury*, *Greenwich Mercury* and *Bexley Mercury*, which have a combined weekly distribution of 150,000 copies.

☐ British Energy shutdowns ☐ New threat to investor protection ☐ Mobile phone competition

Nuclear flotation goes critical

☐ TIMING is everything in a flotation — never more so than with British Energy. The offer closes for institutional investors today but for Sids the public offer closed on Wednesday lunchtime — hours before the company began dribbling out information about having to close down two of its generators after a crack was discovered.

Some might feel that such information would be relevant to the share applications of individuals who, without it, were so enthused about the latest, and possibly last privatisation, that they applied for twice as many shares as had been allocated to them. The number of shares set aside for the public will now increase.

Institutions will be able to consider carefully whether news of a quarter of the nuclear power stations involved in the flotation being out of action will alter the sentiment and therefore the price when dealings start on Monday and then decide whether to buy or not. Poor Sid can only sit and sweat it out.

The closures, at Hinkley Point B and Hunterston B, follow the shutdown of sister reactors and mean that those two stations are producing no electricity. Analysts estimate that the two-week planned closures could trim profits by £10 million. If further cracks are found the reactors could be down for another four to six weeks.

British Energy profits are highly sensitive to output. A 1.6 per cent cut in output over the year costs about £20 million on the profits. Institutional investors will note that the embarrassing closures of Hinkley Point B and Hunterston B are reminiscent of the shutdowns at Dungeness B and Heysham 1 last year. These stations, which plunged into difficulty during last year's peak demand for electricity, had the rival power generators rubbing their hands with glee. Then there were problems last year at Hartlepool after a transformer was damaged and pipework needed repairs. It seems nuclear generation is a precarious business. One hairline crack and the whole thing shuts down. The decision of when to release the information was apparently taken on Tuesday before the public offer closed. The company might argue that there was no point rushing out the information in the morning when all the small investor share applications were in the post. Besides that they had to get the information vetted. In the meantime we had heard from the Government's advisers that the public offer had been a roaring success.

Many private investors were scorched by the second sale of PowerGen and National Power shares last year when first dealings in the newly issued shares coincided with the surprise re-opening of the electricity price review by the industry regulator.

That was surprise to the investors, although those conducting the sale knew a review was imminent.

Investors deserve more light and less heat.

Cooling off gets cold shoulder

☐ The Securities and Investments Board's suggestion that ordinary investors are so well protected by financial services legislation that they have no need of a cooling off period, in which they can back out of the deal, is rather like a driver assuring passengers that seatbelts are unnecessary because the car's brakes are good. Investment houses should know better than to start tampering with tried and tested consumer protection. The shouts of outrage over the pensions mis-selling scandal have barely stopped ringing in the industry's ears and yet now it is looking at dismantling a scheme that has worked well since its introduction in 1988.

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Cooling off takes two forms: cancellation, where SIB's current rules give investors a right to cancel the contract within 14 days; and delayed entry, where investors' applications to enter into a unit trust Pep are not accepted for a specified period (usually seven days) before the contract is made.

With cancellation, if the market falls between the day the investor signs up and the day he cancels he will have the net difference returned. In the case of delayed entry, applications are frozen for the seven day period, which means that investors are not exposed to rises or falls in the market even if they would prefer their money invested at once. This is said to annoy customers who are buying into a rising market and want to get their hands on the stock right away. But in some circumstances it can save them money. Should the market dive during the waiting period, investors are allowed to withdraw their application and expect to have the full amount returned.

This, of course, is far more expensive for the industry, and with the UK stock market looking overheated, getting rid of such a commitment could look very attractive and might save it a considerable sum.

The real benefit for the investment companies of scrapping the current scheme is that it saves them the administration cost of sorting out withdrawals and sending out notices reminding customers of their right to cancel. However, as usual, any savings are unlikely to trickle down to the consumer.

Change of colours

☐ A NEW campaign from Orange to deal straight with customers begs the question: How were they dealing with customers before?

The implication is that mobile phone companies have been bombarding hapless subscribers with hidden costs, incomprehensible tariff packages and generally lousy service. To no one's surprise, Orange's apparent desire to expose the competition came the day after its victory over Vodafone in the High Court.

Vodafone had issued a writ against Orange, alleging malicious falsehood, after Orange bombarded the mobile phone market with advertisements claiming that its service on average was £20 cheaper per month.

The judge dismissed Vodafone's allegations as "hopeless" and scolded the company for accusing three Orange witnesses of perjury.

Coming so close after its court victory, Orange's "straight dealing" campaign smacks of righteous indignation and could be dismissed as self-serving. True, Vodafone lost a case that it probably now regrets having launched.

But, for better or for worse, conducting warfare in the courts is how business is done today. In America, companies issue writs like so much confetti and the legal departments of many large companies are treated as profit centres.

The practice is becoming more prevalent in Britain although Orange, in the long term, may well lose as many cases as it wins.

Lloyds countdown

☐ LLOYDS/TSB has two weeks to sort out the succession in time for its interim results. Sir Brian Pitman, the chief executive who agreed to postpone retirement until December, is expected to take over from Sir Robin Ibbs as chairman.

Sir Robin is 70 and cannot stay much longer without a shareholder's meeting. A new chief executive is needed. To delay longer smacks of indecision.

Flat GUS profits send shares into reverse

By Clare Stewart

SHARES of Great Universal Stores, the home shopping-to-finance group, fell heavily again yesterday after it reported disappointing year-end results and flat figures from current trading.

The shares fell 35p to 637p after GUS reported a modest 3.25 per cent rise in profits to £581.1 million before tax for the year to the end of March.

GUS surprised the City in May by warning that profits would fail to match expectations as a result of problems with its core catalogue business.

Although investors again expressed disappointment yesterday, the latest results mark GUS's 48th consecutive year of profit increases.

Turnover rose to £2.75 billion, while earnings increased from 36.9p to 38.4p. Total dividend for the year is 16.5p compared with 15p in 1995.

Home shopping is GUS's largest division, including the Kays, Great Universal, Choice and Marshall Ward catalogues. While UK sales slipped, turnover in Europe was up by 5 per cent.

Deputy chairman Richard Pugh, said: "Hot summer weather last year upset the buying pattern in the spring and summer, and in the autumn people were not ordering winter clothes."

The high cost of paper and packaging also had an impact last year, though, said Mr Pugh: "We expect this will plateau this year." Trading continues to be difficult. Results in the first two months of the current year "were somewhat less than last year."

Finance and business information activities lifted pre-tax profits by 9.5 per cent to £154.4 million, while Burberrys and Scotch House, GUS's retail and export manufacturing arm, lifted profits by 16.7 per cent to £70.3 million.

Strong demand boosted exports and royalty income from licensing of the Burberrys brand also showed "solid growth". Burberrys has 55 shops worldwide and plans to open a further four this year at sites ranging from Frankfurt to Hawaii.

Despite an encouraging start to the current year seen in its business and finance division, as well as Burberrys, analysts in the City remain cautious on the outcome for the year and have cut their profit forecasts to around £600 million.

There was also disappointment that cash-rich GUS, with just under £1 billion in the bank, made no hints as to a share buyback, or special dividend payout.

With the arrival in September of Lord Wolfson of Sunningdale as the new chairman of GUS, the City is expecting a shakeup at the group that could see a number of businesses floated or sold off.

One analyst commented: "A strategic review is inevitable."

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Goode news drives a market rise

By Fraser Nelson

SHARES of Goode Durrant, the vehicle and cabin hire business, leapt 24p to 412p as it achieved record pre-tax profits of £21.3 million in the year to April 30, a rise of 50 per cent.

Northgate, its vehicle hire subsidiary, lifted its operating profit 23 per cent to £18.1 million after the group added 3,800 new vehicles to its fleet, bringing its nationwide total to 12,900. The company attributed the demand to the success of its Flexible Rental scheme.

The company is planning to grow by opening more greenfield sites and making bolt-on acquisitions. Group revenue grew by 26 per cent to £105 million. The final dividend was 5.8p, making a total of 8.6p (7.2p). Earnings rose 4.9p to 26p per share.

First Choice sales less than expected

By Marianne Curphey

FIRST CHOICE has given warning that holiday sales in May and June have been weaker than expected and that it is "still too early" to say whether the industry has recovered from last year's slump.

Francis Baron, group chief executive, said that profits depended on how well supply and demand were matched in July and August. However, there was unlikely to be discounting as heavy as that seen at the end of last summer, when three million people bought last-minute cheap deals. "This year will be one of consolidation, with substantial increases in profitability dependent on the tightness of supply and demand in peak season," Mr Baron said.

First Choice, the UK's third-largest tour operator, made a pre-tax loss in the six months to April 30 of £23.4 million (1995: £23.8 million) on turnover of £386 million (1995: £315 million).

Holiday companies tend to make a loss in the first half of the year and profits after the peak summer season.

Mr Baron said: "Whilst there have been encouraging signs that margins and load factors will be better this summer compared to last year, we remain cautious about the final outcome for the year as May and June were affected by excess capacity, with discounts higher than expected."

Industry estimates put unsold holidays at 2.2 million. Mr Baron said that he believes that there are between 1.5 million and 2 million left to shift.

The interim dividend of 1.4p per share is maintained.

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Car dealer anticipates bumper sales

By Jason Nissé

DC Cook, the car dealer based in South Yorkshire, has seen a 25 per cent increase on August orders compared with the same month last year, and says the new registrations season could be the best in recent memory.

Announcing a 21 per cent increase in full-year pre-tax profits to £5.03 million, Derek Cook, the chairman, said the group wants to add six more franchises to its 21. Earnings per share last year rose 19 per cent, to 8.16p, and a final dividend of 1.45p makes a total of 2.1p, up 40 per cent.

DC Cook has recovered from problems in the early 1990s. In 1994-95 profits doubled and earnings are up 18-fold since 1992-93.

Electricity users to share cost of transmission losses

ELECTRICITY consumers in areas far from power stations will face higher bills after a ruling by the industry regulator.

The South West of England will be worse affected, although London and central southeast areas will also be hit after Stephen Littlechild decided that the cost of electricity lost in transmission should be split between generators and regional suppliers.

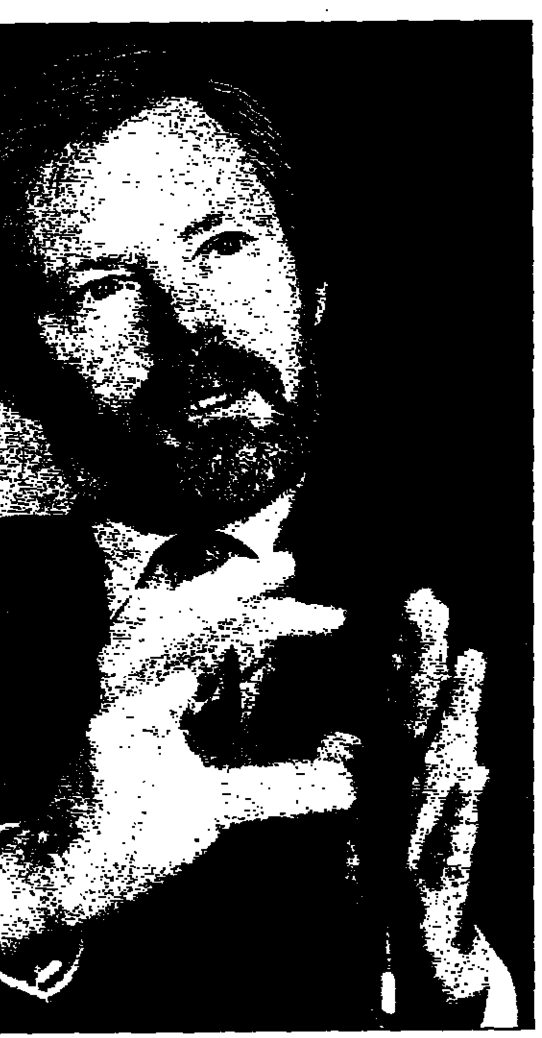
At present the losses are borne by all parties, regardless of the location of power stations.

Customers of South Western Electricity, whose area covers Cornwall and Devon, are likely to see a £3 a year increase in their bills next year. This is the same amount by which their bills were cut this year.

Companies based in the North and the Midlands, where more power stations have grown around the coalfields, will be at an advantage.

London Electricity said: "We are disappointed that Offer didn't take the opportunity to put the cost solely on generators. Generators have a choice in where they site, but customers don't."

Professor Littlechild said the recommendations would provide clear signals for the location of both generation and demand whilst at the same time giving generators and customers time to adapt.



Stephen Littlechild sees clear signals in his ruling

PFI rules to be eased in response to criticisms

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

THE Government looks set to ease its beleaguered Private Finance Initiative by relaxing a rule that insists all proposed capital spending projects should go through the PFI.

Treasury officials are indicating to business leaders that they no longer see the need for every proposed spending project to be examined to see if it can be funded by the PFI.

Instead, smaller projects will no longer have to take this route automatically, though they may still attract PFI funding. The Government is considering what threshold to apply, with business proposing £10 million per project.

The expected move is in response to criticisms from business of the PFI being too slow and too bureacratic. Yesterday, the Confederation of British Industry attacked the PFI after a six-month examination of its operations. It said business was frustrated by the "waste of resources and slow progress".

Adair Turner, Director-General of the CBI, said: "Unless the PFI is better managed, it could fail to deliver the benefits available and fall short of the targets set, delaying key infrastructure projects."

Labour cries foul over Energy float

By Christine Buckley

LABOUR yesterday said it suspected "organised deceit on a substantial scale" after the closure of two of British Energy's eight power stations was disclosed just hours after the end of the public offer of the company's shares (See Pennington, this page).

Margaret Beckett, Shadow Trade and Industry Secretary, demanded a ministerial statement to reveal when the company first became aware of the problems that led to the closure of two reactors on Tuesday night — hours before the public offer ended at noon on Wednesday. She said she also wanted to know what consultations took place between British Energy and trade and industry ministers and what talks were held on the timing of the announcements. She said: "Until these questions are answered, what we suspect is organised deceit on a substantial scale."

British Energy said there had been no point rushing out the statement on Wednesday morning because public share applications would already have been in the post. A spokesman said that the closures, set for two weeks, could stretch into two months if cracks are located. British Energy announced the closure of one reactor at Hinkley Point B in Somerset after a crack was found in a pipe. The company has also closed down another identical reactor at Hinkley Point B and two identical reactors at Hunterston B in Ayrshire as a precaution.

Analysts said that the closures emphasised the risky investment nature of nuclear generation. Philip Green, of Goldman Sachs, said: "This highlights the vulnerability of British Energy. Institutions will be able to assess the closures which come after the problems at Dungeness and Heysham last year."

It is expected that a two-week closure of Hinkley and Hunterston will trim between £5 million and £10 million from profits.

The Government's advisers yesterday said that the public offer was two and a half times subscribed after more than 600,000 applied for shares. The allocation to the public is to be raised to more than 40 per cent of the shares in the retail tranche which is set for 50 per cent.

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STOCK MARKET

MICHAEL CLARK

High street stores send investors mixed signals

CONSUMERS are a fickle bunch, which may account for the mixed signals emanating from Britain's high street stores at the moment.

On Wednesday **Dixons**, the electrical goods retailer, grabbed the City's attention with impressive full-year profits and news of a sharp rise in sales at the start of the current year. Yesterday Dixons continued to build on this week's lead with a rise of 3p to 533p. It follows hard on the heels of a near 30 per cent jump in sales at the John Lewis Partnership.

By contrast there were few signs of improvement at **Great Universal Stores**, the Kays and Burberrys retailer, which ended the session 35p down at 637p after weighing in with pre-tax profits of £581 million. This was in line with expectations after the group issued a profits warning back in May. The company added to the gloom by announcing that profits after two months of the current year were broadly flat, with home shopping sales down on last year.

BZW wasted little time by cutting its forecast for the current year by £30 million to £600 million. Other brokers could hardly contain their disappointment at the absence of a special dividend, or share buyback programme designed to make use of the group's cash mountain, which at the last count was calculated at £1.2 billion.

Marks & Spencer closed 3p lower at 484p, with the market seemingly unimpressed by news of an 8.6 per cent increase in sales during the first quarter. Sir Richard Greenbury, chairman, told shareholders at the annual meeting that there were signs of a consumer revival.

Kingfisher eased 3p to 638p after giving a rundown to brokers earlier in the week. BG Bank, the broking arm of Bikuben Girobank, has decided to raise its forecast for 1997 and 1998 by £30 million to £350 million and £390 million respectively. Lawrence Peterman at BG Bank says Kingfisher is the best positioned company in the sector to benefit from the recovery in the housing market and a return of the feel-good factor.

A positive performance by Wall Street overnight and another fall in the rate of inflation failed to inject fresh life into equities, which closed near their low point of the day. The fall in the retail prices index to its lowest level since December 1993 raised hopes that there might be scope for another cut in base rates. This renewed optimism failed to be translated into buying orders, with the FT-SE 100 index closing down 16.8 points at 3,749.0 as fewer than 700 million shares were traded. The near 100-point plunge in the Dow Jones average during early trading came too late to make any impact on London.

Over on the grey market, **British Energy** was coming under the hammer with the price of the partly-paid shares dropping 6p to 104p on news that two of its reactors had been shut down for examination. The public offer closed yesterday oversubscribed, with dealings due to begin on Monday on a when-issued basis. The shares have been offered privately at 100p.

Hanson's attempts at enhancing shareholder value by splitting the group into four has failed to impress institutional investors and that continues to be reflected in the share price. After underperforming the market all year it retreated 2p to a new low of 167p in heavy turnover that saw almost 33 million shares change hands. That compares with the 212p it stood at earlier this year.

Lucas Industries firmed 5p to 225p amid faint hopes that GKN may step into the breach and make a bid if its proposed acquisiton of Varity Corporation in the US falls through. **GKN** continued to benefit from this week's buy recommendation from Merrill Lynch, the broker, with a rise of 8p at £10.41.

Tour operators face an uphill struggle in the package holiday market judging by interim figures from **First Choice** revealing a slightly reduced lost of £23.4 million. The shares fell 9p to 68p after the group warned there was still excess capacity and discounting during May and June. Francis Baron, chief executive, is optimistic about the important summer season.

Stanley Leisure, the betting and gaming group, fell 13p to 489p on further reflection of Wednesday's profits setback.

Better than expected full-year figures were rewarded with a leap of 22p to 410p at **Goode Durrant**, the transport group. It says it has made a Brokers are upgrading their full-year forecasts.

Specialeyes marked time at 17p after plunging into the red in the first six months with pre-tax losses of £744,000, compared with a profit of £6.5 million last time. The retail optician blamed the setback on difficult trading and an exceptional charge. Once again there is no dividend.

News of increased losses left **Caledonian Media Services** 1½p cheaper at 24p and **Phonelink** 25p off at 152p, while **Albrighton's** reduced losses were good for a ¼p on the shares at 6½p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** The market took the news of the latest drop in inflation in its stride. Prices shrugged off their early lethargy to finish firmer on the day, helped by a revival in US treasury bonds.

The Bank of England felt confident enough to issue three further tranches of stock. The taplets included £150 million of Treasury Index-Linked 2½ per cent 2001, £200 million of Treasury Index-Linked 2½ per cent 2013 and £50 million of Treasury 8 per cent 2002-06 split maturity.

In the futures pit, the September series of the long gilt finished £5/16 better at £107 1/8 as a total of 39,000 contracts were completed.

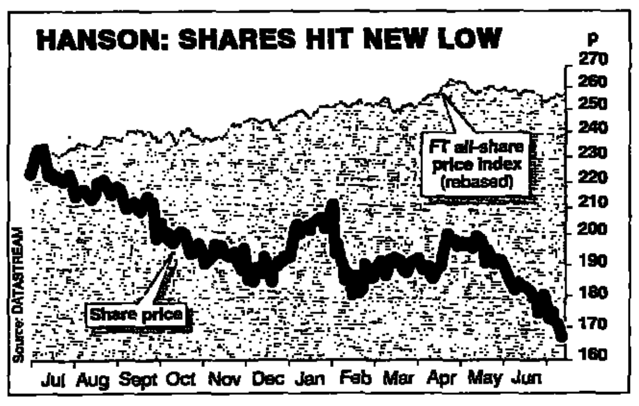
In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 rose £11/32 to £98 15/32, while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 firmed £1/8 to £103 3/8.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Shares on Wall Street skidded lower after profit warnings in the technology and healthcare sectors. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 73.88 points lower at 5,529.77.

Feel-good hopes for Woolworths owner Kingfisher

Brokers are increasingly nervous about British Biotech's rights issue with the nil-paid plunging 34p to 36p, just a small premium above the £20 offer price. Meanwhile, the price of the high-flying fully paid has also come of the boil closing 45p down at £20.85, compared with a year's high of £32.64.

HANSON: SHARES HIT NEW LOW



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New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	5529.77 (-73.88)
S&P Composite	647.79 (-8.27)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	21892.58 (+115.64)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	10921.35 (+9.59)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	549.38 (-5.14)
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AO	2183.9 (-17.2)
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CAC-40	2073.66 (-8.19)
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SKA Gen	807.70 (+1.40)
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FT 30	2760.8 (-7.4)
FT 100	3749.0 (-16.8)
FT-SE Mid 250	4343.8 (-8.5)
FT-SE-A 350	1884.9 (-7.4)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1689.00 (-0.63)
FT A All-Share	1867.02 (-7.19)
FT Non Financials	1985.0 (-7.25)
FT Fixed Interest	112.59 (+0.23)
FT Govt Secs	92.96 (-0.02)
Bargains	28601
SEAQ Volume	669.3m
USM (Datastrm)	211.16 (-2.67)
US$	1.5557 (+0.0022)
German Mark	2.3675 (-0.0013)
Exchange Index	86.5 (same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2377
£:SDR	1.0749
RPI	153.0 Jun (2.1%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	152.6 Jun (2.8%) Jan 1987=100

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RISES:

MAID	294p (+11p)
Peel	413p (+14p)
Adam & Harvey	413p (+10p)
Capital Radio	646p (+12p)

FALLS:

Phonelink	152p (-25p)
Regent Inns	215p (-13p)
Lincat	208p (-10p)
Filtronic Com	260p (-10p)

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TEMPUS

Summer of discontent

EVERY successful flotation needs a big idea, and Somerfield is hoping to raise £570 million by selling itself as a high street supermarket, fashionably committed to neighbourhoods rather than out-of-town malls.

In fact, Somerfield has little choice over the location of its stores. Changes in planning mean Somerfield will not have the opportunity to build superstores. Moreover it is debatable how much growth there is in prospect for high street supermarkets. Love them or hate them, superstores attract a great many people who spend their weekends driving to and from shopping centres on the edge of town.

But there is nothing to stop the Tescos, Sainsburys and Safeways — who have never given up on the high streets — putting more money into smaller units in town. Serious competition from the majors could pose a problem for Somerfield, which is still trying to shake off the drab Gateway image. Somerfield has worked hard to change its image, developing own-label products. Increased sales of fresh produce should lead to good margin gains, as should the introduction of sales-based ordering.

But that is unlikely to sway the sceptics. They can point to research from AGB, showing that Somerfield's share of the food retailing market slipped 0.4 per cent in June — its lowest for two years. The decline is a reminder that Somerfield — even on the high street — is locked in a war of attrition in which even the mighty Sainsbury has suffered a setback. For the food retailing tyro to obtain 180p to 190p a share, it needs to offer something special, not a declining market share.

GUS

GREAT Universal Stores is a bit like a lone elephant in a circus. The animal's size is no longer enough of a novelty to draw crowds and the public are growing tired of seeing the same tricks. After almost half a century in the ring, the elephant is still performing its act on cue but it is getting tired and forgetful and occasionally drops the ball.

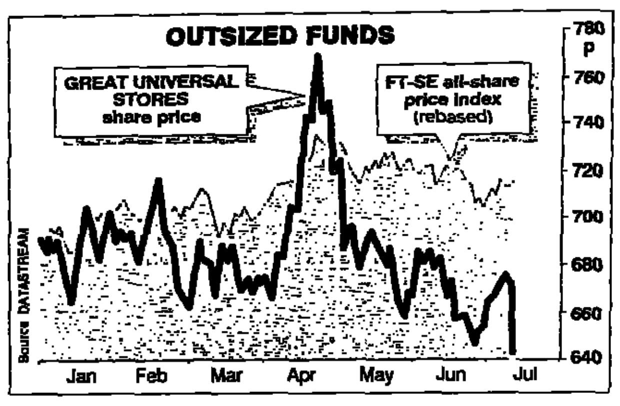
GUS is stumbling in its home shopping division, not badly enough to cause a setback in group profits but investors wonder whether itis entirely due to hot weather and the Lottery. Since March, home shopping sales are down on the previous year while other retailers are seeing growth.

Speculation about GUS's £1.1 billion war chest is what maintains investor interest but finding a mate for this elephant could take time. The company would dearly love to spend its money — returns from cash are so poor — but opportunities are rare. Its huge market share in the UK almost precludes an acquisition on competition grounds while Continental mail order companies are mainly in private hands.

There is little reason to speculate about a bid for Next as this cautious beast is unlikely to pay a huge premium for a high street retailer when its core business is mail order.

GUS shares are not looking expensive but until the new Lord Wolfson takes over as ringmaster in September, they are likely to drift.

OUTSIZED FUNDS



Shell Chemicals

FOR executives in Shell Chemicals, Wednesday provided a bruising reminder of what little regard the stock market has for their business.

Indications that an announcement was due about chemicals sent Shell Transport shares racing upwards: rumours spread that the chemicals division was to be sold. In the event, a joint venture in petroleum additives with Exxon fell far short of expectations and the shares slid back.

Shell has embarked on a major rethink of chemicals. Wholesale slaughter is not on the cards but a few sizeable disposals should be expected. Shell admits that a 9 per cent return on capital over the cycle is inadequate, falling well short of top tier industry performance of 12-15 per cent.

Part of the problem is that Shell built up a presence in speciality chemicals but has now recognised that its strength is in selling commodities, not marketing niche products. Product areas accounting for about 30 per cent of the chemicals division's capital employed will be forced to improve returns or leave the group.

The root of Shell Chemicals problems has been management indecision and the almost-militant independence of Shell Oil, the group's US subsidiary which has for a long time run its own ship. That is to change with newly created global product business teams but local fiefdoms still have influence and the transformation of Shell Chemicals will not be explosive.

First Choice

THERE is little difference between First Choice's assessment of this summer's holiday market and that of its bigger rival Airtours. The two have been telling the same story: bookings down, despite swingeing cuts in capacity. However, neither expects a repeat of last year's discounting fiasco when three million unsold holidays were dumped on the market.

The difference is that investors in Airtours, comforted by its travel agency network, successful cruising programme, and recent injection of capital from US giant Carnival Cruises, can look at the holiday glass of sangria and see it half full, while holders of First Choice still worry it might be half empty. Airtours confidently predicts the end of summer discounting: First Choice was more cautious yesterday, saying it was still too early to tell whether summer 1996 would be good. Carnival might in time make a full bid for Airtours.

No surprise then, that First Choice, which has no travel agency network and a smaller winter programme, saw its share price hit the hardest. If July bookings are lacklustre, the stock could slip futher.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Jul	990-970	Sep	1065-1063
Sep	1001-1000	Dec	1072-1069
Dec	1019-1018	Mar	1084-1080
Mar	1032-1031	May	1084-1075
May	1042-1041		
Jul	1054-1052		Volume: 6719

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	1655-1652	Mar	1548-1540
Sep	1662-1658	May	1538-1532
Nov	1617-1612	Jul	1535-1525
Jan	1583-1580		Volume: 2920

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	340.0-37.5
Spot: 373.5		May	337.0-33.5
Aug	369.5-69.0	Aug	335.0-31.5
Oct	353.0-53.5	Oct	324.5-21.0
Dec	346.2-45.0		Volume: 2173

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on July 10

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	120.46	68.01	101.27
(+/-)	-5.20	-10.83	+0.28
Eng/Wales:	120.46	112.43	100.39
(+/-)	-5.20	+0.95	+0.14
(%)	+3.0	+9.0	-3.0
Scotland:	unq	109.89	106.73
(+/-)		+0.59	+1.47
(%)		+25.0	-9.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	20.00	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Aug)	19.85	+0.25
Brent 15 day (Sep)	19.35	+0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	21.75	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	21.05	+0.30

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	211 (+2)	214 (+2)
Gasoil EEC	184 (+1)	185 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	87 (+1)	89 (+1)
Naphtha	186 (-1)	188 (-1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Aug	177.25-77.50	Nov	172.00-72.25
Sep	174.50-74.75	Dec	171.25-71.75
Oct	173.00-73.50		Vol: 18305

BRENT (6.00pm)

Aug	19.87-19.88	Nov	18.53 BID
Sep	19.37-19.38	Dec	18.18-18.24
Oct	18.91-18.94		Vol: 30406

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jul	111.00	Sep	104.20
Sep	110.95	Nov	106.65
Nov	112.70	Jan	108.65
Jan	114.70	Mar	110.65
Mar	116.55	May	112.35
Volume: 207		Volume: 17	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	85.0
Mar	...	110.0
Apr	130.1	129.8
		Volume: 100

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Aug 91.25-91.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jul 96	1115	1100	1120
Aug 96	1110	1090	1108
Sep 96	1130	1125	1125
Oct 96	1225	1215	1223
Vol: 204 lots		Open interest: 4553	

Index 1120 (-4)

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1933.0-1938.0	1976.0-1978.0	1530150
Lead ($/tonne)	783.50-785.00	794.00-785.00	159175
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	990.00-990.50	1018.0-1019.0	333200
Tin ($/tonne)	6270.0-6280.0	6305.0-6310.0	40685
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1449.0-1450.0	1487.0-1487.5	796925
Nickel ($/tonne)	7189.0-7190.0	7285.0-7290.0	54402

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 58655	Sep 96	3768.0	3775.0	3739.0	3745.0	10478
	Dec 96	3775.0	3775.0	3775.0	3766.0	220
FT-SE 250 Previous open interest: 3740	Sep 96	4315.0	4315.0	4315.0	4347.0	15
	Dec 96					0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 388438	Sep 96	94.31	94.31	94.29	94.30	12119
	Dec 96	94.23	94.23	94.19	94.21	17827
	Mar 97	93.93	93.94	93.89	93.92	8749
Three Mth Euro Yen	Dec 96	98.76	98.76	98.76	98.76	500
	Mar 97				98.45	0
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 1004773	Sep 96	96.56	96.60	96.54	96.60	34388
	Dec 96	96.38	96.44	96.34	96.41	61758
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 128387	Sep 96	106-29	107-06	106-20	107-04	39167
	Dec 96				106-09	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 96	118.47	118.49	118.44	118.47	1468
	Dec 96	117.41	117.45	117.41	117.43	451
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 201570	Sep 96	95.68	95.81	95.47	95.79	111575
	Dec 96	94.62	94.75	94.62	94.89	56
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 23003	Sep 96	95.55	95.58	95.54	95.58	833
	Dec 96	95.41	95.45	95.40	95.45	354
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 71808	Sep 96	97.31	97.34	97.26	97.32	7023
	Dec 96	97.12	97.14	97.07	97.12	2539
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 69473	Sep 96	117.32	117.38	117.07	117.28	25345
	Dec 96	116.50	116.50	116.50	116.62	30

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¾ Low 5½ Week fixed: 5½

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5½; 3 mth 5½. Sell: 2 mth 5½; 3 mth: 5½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5¾-5½	5¾-5½	5¾-5½	5¾-5½	
Sterling Money Rates:	5¾-5½	5¾-5½	5¾-5½	5¾-5½	5¾-5½
Interbank:	5¾-5½	5¾-5½	5¾-5½	5¾-5½	5¾-5½
Overnight: open 5¾ close 6					
Local Authority Deps:	5½	n/a	5½	5½	5½
Sterling CDs:	5¾-5½	5¾-5½	5¾-5½	5¾-5½	5¾-5½
Dollar CDs:	5.37	n/a	5.56	5.78	6.15
Building Society CDs:	5¾-5½	5¾-5½	5¾-5½	5¾-5½	5¾-5½

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5½-4½	5½-5½	5½-5½	5½-5½	5-4
Deutschemark:	3½-3½	3½-3½	3½-3½	3½-3½	3½-2½
French Franc:	3½-3½	3½-3½	3½-3½	3½-3½	4-3
Swiss Franc:	2½-2½	2½-2½	2½-2½	2½-2½	3-2
Yen:	½-½	½-½	½-½	½-½	n/a

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $382.60-382.90 **Close:** $383.20-383.70 **High:** $384.40-384.90
Low: $382.00-382.50 **AM:** $382.50 **PM:** $382.70

Krugerrand: $382.75-384.75 (£245.50-247.50)

Platinum: $369.90 (£251.05) **Silver:** $5.13 (£3.295) **Palladium:** $130.25 (£83.85)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mid Rates for July 11	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6563-2.6631	2.6567-2.6592	½-½pr	1½-1½pr
Brussels	48.770-48.920	48.771-48.865	14-9pr	31-24pr
Copenhagen	9.1150-9.1420	9.1150-9.1240	1½-1½pr	4½-3½pr
Dublin	0.9734-0.9763	0.9743-0.9756	5-2pr	9-4pr
Frankfurt	2.3661-2.3730	2.3661-2.3685	½-½pr	1½-1½pr
Lisbon	243.02-243.88	243.02-243.31	½-½ds	½-1½ds
Madrid	198.99-199.58	198.99-199.16	25-35ds	70-88ds
Milan	2381.6-2388.5	2381.6-2385.7	6-8ds	18-20ds
Montreal	2.1222-2.1332	2.1311-2.1332	0.23-0.14pr	0.38-0.27pr
New York	1.5516-1.5562	1.5552-1.5562	0.045-0.025pr	0.01-0.02ds
Oslo	10.107-10.138	10.107-10.121	½-½ds	½-½pr
Paris	8.0080-8.0330	8.0080-8.0147	1½-1½pr	3½-3½pr
Stockholm	10.359-10.408	10.362-10.384	½-½ds	½-½ds
Tokyo	171.19-171.76	171.36-171.60	½-½pr	2½-2½pr
Vienna	16.651-16.705	16.651-16.669	½-½pr	1½-½pr
Zurich	1.9546-1.9622	1.9546-1.9574	½-½pr	1½-1½pr

Source: Extel Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Dom	420	22	35	42	0	7	14
(*441)	460	0	14	20	19	24	35
ASDA	120	2	6	9	2	6	8
(*120)	130	0	2	5	10	13	15
Boots	550	35	49	56	0	6	12
(*584)	600	1	18	27	16	20	34
Br Airways	500	43	55	63	0	6	11
(*543)	550	3	22	33	9	27	28
BP	550	47	59	62	0	5	10
(*597)	600	4	22	31	7	22	30
Br Steel	160	10	16	18	0	3	6
(*170)	180	0	5	9	10	13	17
C & W	390	20	35	43	0	8	14
(*410)	420	2	18	27	11	20	27
CU	550	20	32	44	1	16	23
(*568)	600	0	10	23	31	48	52
ICI	800	16	35	52	3	26	34
(*812)	850	0	15	30	38	56	63
Land Sec	600	22	37	46	0	8	14
(*621)	650	0	11	20	28	31	38
M & S	460	25	36	43	0	6	11
(*484)	500	1	12	21	17	24	29
Nat West	600	35	46	61	0	13	21
(*635)	650	2	20	39	17	38	45
Safeway plc	330	7	20	27	3	10	17
(*335)	360	0	7	14	25	28	34
Sainsbury	360	9	21	27	1	9	14
(*367)	390	0	7	13	22	26	31
Shell	900	45	60	69	0	11	17
(*944)	950	5	27	38	11	32	38
Smkl Bch	687	21	43	—	1	17	—
(*707)	736	0	20	—	29	45	—
Storehse	300	13	23	—	1	6	—
(*313)	330	0	8	—	17	21	—
Trafalgar	50	1	3	—	0	1	—
(*50)	60	0	0	—	10	10	—
Zeneca	1400	38	84	112	4	43	61
(*1432)	1450	9	57	85	26	67	85
	Series	Aug	Nov	Jan	Aug	Nov	Jan
BAT Ind	460	30	38	47	7	15	18
(*486)	500	7	18	27	29	35	39
Vodafone	220	19	26	28	2	7	10
(*235)	240	7	15	17	11	15	19
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Grnd Met	420	25	35	42	5	11	18
(*443)	460	6	15	23	27	31	39
Ladbroke	190	13	19	23	3	8	12
(*188)	200	3	9	14	14	19	23
Utd Bisc	220	9	15	20	7	12	15
(*221)	240	2	7	12	20	24	27

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
BAA	460	14	30	38	5	11	19
(*471)	500	0	11	30	29	34	37
Thames W	550	14	33	42	2	13	24
(*562)	600	0	12	20	38	42	52
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BTR	240	9	13	18	4	10	13
(*242)	260	1	5	10	17	24	26
Br Aero	950	36	60	82	14	35	41
(*965)	1000	13	36	56	42	61	69
Br Telcm	330	20	24	27	6	12	18
(*347)	360	3	10	14	20	29	36
Cadbury	500	19	32	42	9	21	25
(*506)	550	3	12	21	44	52	55
Guinness	460	19	28	36	6	15	19
(*470)	500	2	10	20	31	38	40
GEC	360	25	29	35	4	9	12
(*385)	390	5	13	20	19	24	27
Hanson	160	10	14	16	1	6	9
(*167)	180	1	5	7	13	17	20
LASMO	160	16	21	24	1	4	4
(*173)	180	4	8	12	9	12	13
Lucas	220	10	17	21	8	13	15
(*225)	240	3	9	13	22	25	27
Pilkingtn	172	14	—	—	2	—	—
(*183)	191	4	—	—	10	—	—
Prudential	390	30	36	45	2	9	13
(*415)	420	10	18	26	13	22	27
Redland	390	29	38	44	3	11	15
(*413)	420	10	20	28	15	25	29
R-Royce	220	12	19	25	4	10	12
(*226)	240	4	10	15	15	21	23
Tesco	290	22	27	34	2	8	10
(*298)	300	8	15	22	9	16	19
Williams	330	10	16	—	6	14	—
(*332)	360	1	5	—	28	34	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3753)

	3650	3700	3750	3800	3850	3900
Calls						
Jul	103	54	22	5	1	1
Aug	110	74	47	25	12	4
Sep	135	102	73	50	32	19
Oct	154	123	94	70	50	34
Dec	—	161	—	110	—	69
Puts						
Jul	3	9	27	62	110	160
Aug	24	38	59	88	124	167
Sep	42	50	79	106	130	176
Oct	57	75	96	122	152	157
Dec	—	101	—	147	—	209

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Sep	Dec	Apr	Sep	Dec	Apr
Abby Nat	550	31	46	58	13	21	34
(*572)	600	9	23	34	42	48	61
Amstrad	200	13	19	—	11	12	—
(*202)	220	5	10	—	23	25	—
Barclays	750	51	65	81	10	18	33
(*792)	800	20	36	53	33	40	57
Blue Circ	300	21	30	34	9	14	16
(*311)	330	7	16	20	26	31	32
Br Gas	180	14	17	20	4	9	11
(*187)	200	6	7	11	15	21	23
Dixons	500	38	51	60	9	16	22
(*532)	550	12	25	35	33	41	46
Forte	343	37	—	—	0	—	—
(*378)	373	9	—	—	5	—	—
Tarmac	100	11	14	16	2	6	6
(*108)	110	5	8	11	7	10	11
Hillsdwn	160	17	20	22	1	4	5
(*174)	180	4	8	11	9	13	14
Lonrho	160	16	20	23	1	4	5
(*175)	180	4	8	12	10	12	14
Sears	90	9	11	—	1	2	—
(*97)	100	3	5	—	5	7	—
Thorn	1700	116	143	—	26	45	—
(*1794)	1800	52	87	—	71	89	—
Tomkins	260	13	18	23	9	11	15
(*269)	280	4	9	14	21	23	26
Lloyds TSB	330	16	24	32	10	15	22
(*339)	360	4	13	18	28	32	39
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Glaxo W	850	45	63	82	0	23	32
(*894)	900	7	35	55	11	44	56
HSBC	1000	37	67	92	1	30	42
(*1035)	1050	5	40	65	20	54	66
Reuter	750	16	47	62	5	28	39
(*760)	800	1	23	40	40	56	64
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Royal Ins	390	17	28	37	1	13	18
(*406)	420	1	15	22	15	20	31
	Series	Jul	Oct	Feb	Jul	Oct	Feb
Kingfishr	600	38	53	70	0	11	20
(*637)	650	2	23	42	15	32	42
	Series	Jul	Oct	Dec	Jul	Oct	Dec
Unilever	1250	10	44	55	7	25	37
(*1252)	1300	0	19	31	48	55	64
	Series	Sep	Dec	Apr	Sep	Dec	Apr
Natl Pwr	500	32	32	34	25	34	36
(*522)	550	2	10	17	46	68	70
Scot Pwr	300	19	23	28	13	19	24
(*309)	330	7	12	16	34	37	42

July 11, 1996 Tot: 45969 Calls: 23256 Puts: 22713 FT-SE Calls: 9847 Puts: 10032

*Underlying security price.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2531-1.2539
Austria	10.73-10.74
Belgium (Com)	31.41-31.42
Canada	1.3690-1.3695
Denmark	5.8730-5.8760
France	5.1600-5.1610
Germany	1.5248-1.5253
Hong Kong	7.7392-7.7397
Ireland	1.5937-1.5947
Italy	1534.6-1536.1
Japan	110.31-110.36
Malaysia	2.4907-2.4917
Netherlands	1.7108-1.7114
Norway	6.5096-6.5116
Portugal	156.51-156.61
Singapore	1.4160-1.4170
Spain	128.23-128.33
Sweden	6.6821-6.6896
Switzerland	1.2590-1.2600

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5536-1.5562
Australia dollar	1.9476-1.9501
Bahrain dinar	0.579-0.591
Brazil real*	1.5582-1.5624
China yuan	n/a
Cyprus pound	0.7225-0.7335
Finland markka	7.1725-7.2885
Greece drachma	368.75-375.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.0283-12.0368
India rupee	54.61-55.57
Indonesia rupiah	3586.0-3654.6
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4605-0.4705
Malaysia ringgit	3.8707-3.8748
New Zealand dollar	2.2594-2.2618
Pakistan rupee	54.54 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8575-5.7000
Singapore dollar	2.2001-2.2023
S Africa rand (com)	6.691-6.793
U A E dirham	5.6375-5.7615

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FT-SE VOLUMES

3I	1,800	Marks Spr	5,100
ASDA Gp	5,400	NatWst Bk	2,900
Abbey Ntl	1,200	Nat Grid	8,100
Allied Dom	2,200	Nat Power	7,400
Argos	969	Next	1,900
AB Foods	1,300	Orange	5,300
BAA	911	P & O	1,700
BAT Inds	6,400	Pearson	1,700
BOC	873	Pilkington	8,300
BP	2,900	PowerGen	809
BSkyB	467	Prudential	2,000
BTR	4,600	RMC	644
BT	6,500	RTZ	3,500
Bk of Scot	1,900	Rank Org	1,600
Barclays	2,900	Reckitt Col	743
Bass	1,400	Redland	1,600
Blue Circle	1,800	Reed Intl	1,700
Boots	615	Rentokil	2,300
BAe	451	Reuters	2,900
BA	1,900	Rolls Royce	4,000
Brit Gas	23,800	Royal Ins	1,100
Brit Steel	1,000	Ryl Bk Scot	757
Burmah Cstl	425	Safeway	384
Burton	2,900	Sainsbury	1,000
Cable Wire	4,700	Schroders	55
Cadbury	1,500	Scot & New	1,400
Carlton Cms	2,100	Scot Power	1,900
Cm Union	574	Svrn Trent	730
Cookson	4,400	Shell Trans	4,300
Courtaulds	1,600	Siebe	846
Dixons	5,500	SmKl Bch	3,500
Enterpr Oil	618	Smith Nph	846
GKN	1,200	Smiths Inds	431
GRE	2,000	Sthern Elec	1,100
GUS	10,000	Std Chartd	674
Gen Acc	765	Sun Allnce	535
Gen Elec	6,000	TI Gp	5,100
Glaxo Well	5,400	Tate & Lyle	1,500
Granada	2,000	Tesco	11,800
Grand Met	8,700	Thames W	2,100
Guinness	2,500	Thrn EMI	423
HSBC	4,200	Tomkins	6,300
Hanson	32,800	Unilever	1,300
ICI	2,300	Utd Utilities	240
Kingfisher	3,900	Utd News	2,100
LASMO	766	Vodafone	6,900
Ladbroke	1,300	Whitbread	3,100
Land Secs	403	Wlms Hld	2,000
Legal & Gn	1,200	Wolseley	1,500
Lloyds TSB	8,000	Zeneca	1,200

WALL STREET

	Jul 11 midday	Jul 10 close
AMP Inc	39	40
AMR Corp	80	81
ASA	41	41
AT & T	58	59
Abbott Labs	42	42
Advanced Micro	12	13
Aetna Life	59	65
Ahmanson (HF)	25	25
Air Prod & Chem	55	56
AirTouch Comm	26	27
Alberto-Culver B	44	44
Albertson's	41	40
Alcan Aluminm	30	30
Alco Standard	41	43
Allied Signal	55	56
Alum Co of Am	57	56
Amax Gold Inc	5	5
Amerada Hess	53	52
Amer Brands	40	40
Amer El Power	41	41
Amer Express	41	42
Amer Genl Corp	36	36
Amer Home Pr	57	57
Amer Intl	93	93
Amer Stores	38	38
Amer Standard	30	30
Ameritech	57	56
Amoco	70	70
Anheuser-Busch	73	73
Apple Computer	14	14
Archer Daniels	18	18
Armco	4	4
Armstrong Wrld	56	56
Asarco	26	26
Atl Richfield	121	121
Auto Data Pro	36	36
Avery Dennison	53	53
Avon Products	43	43
Baker Hughes	35	35
Baltim Gas & El	27	27
Banc One	32	33
BankAmerica	76	77
Bank of NY	50	50
Bankers Tr NY	71	72
Barnett Banks	59	60
Bausch & Lomb	38	39
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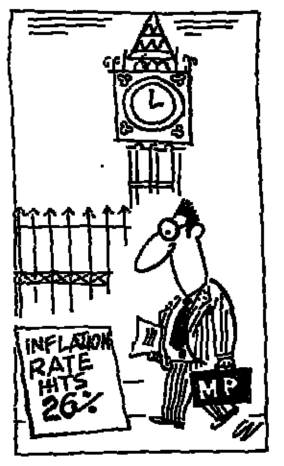
Sound bite for M&S

SPARE a thought for the hard-working signer for the deaf at Marks & Spencer's annual meeting yesterday. When an excitable shareholder regaled the board with a bite-by-bite account of the kosher foods he could supply the retailer, the zealous signer was sent into a frightening spin. Witnessing the windmill-like effect, Sir Richard Greenbury, chairman, agreed to take a look at both the shareholder's bagels and his cheesecake.

Shining Knight

WORD has it that Treasury Minister Angela Knight is outraged by those MPs who voted themselves a thumping 26 per cent pay rise. The minister was in favour of the more modest and front bench-backed 3 per cent. The saintly Knight, who more practically believes that the generous pay hike is electorally damaging, says anything in excess of the annual rate of inflation, she will donate to charity.

WITH Prince William, Roy Jenkins, and Phil Collins in mind, the Royal Bank of Scotland has designed a left-handers' chequebook. Iain Robertson, the left-handed managing director of corporate and institutional banking at RBS, is said to be delighted with the chequebook that he can open using his right hand, with the counterfoils positioned on the far right.



Run out

OUTRAGE at the 3.5-mile Chase Corporate Challenge race on Wednesday night after the winner was disqualified. When Gary Staines, 33, who clocked 15 minutes 23 seconds, went to get his prize, he was told that as a part-time worker at the London Coaching Foundation, he didn't qualify. Instead, the laurels went to Jon Solly, a full-time employee at the LCF, the registered charity that sends athletes into local schools. John Barber, from Municipal Mutual Insurance, was the fastest chief executive, with 17 minutes 38 seconds. He says he was out running again the next day. "It was such a nice morning, I couldn't waste it."

Indian summer

MULTIMILLIONAIRE Nat Puri, rags-to-riches owner of Melton Medes, the industrial group, was so upset at the Indian cricket team losing to England this week, that he is offering a £50,000 incentive to the first Indian cricketer who scores 300 runs in a test match innings. Better still, the star player who then goes on to beat Brian Lara's world record of 375 runs before 2000, will receive an additional £50,000.

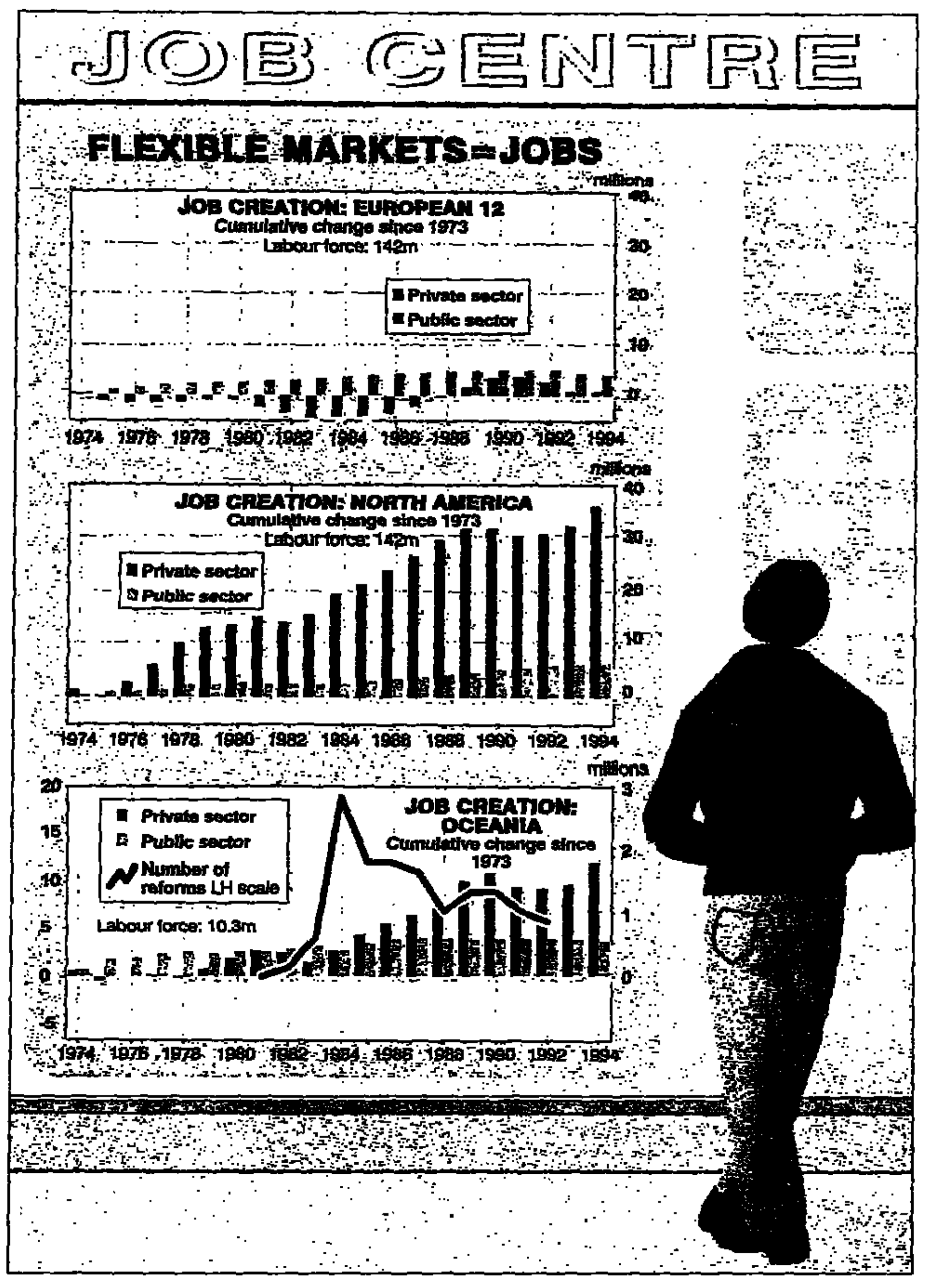
Six bells

ON SUNDAY evening, think of Richard Barnes, Waterford Wedgwood's group finance director. Without fail, Mr Barnes will be on the phone to Tony O'Reilly, at six o'clock, to bring his chairman up to date. And if Dr O'Reilly should be in the US or Japan, Mr Barnes still has to phone him at six o'clock local time — whatever hour it is at home.

MORAG PRESTON

Kohl takes tough line to bolster competitiveness

Janet Bush says German social consensus is under assault



Helmut Kohl, Germany's Chancellor, has embarked on no less than a cultural revolution. The latest budget, passed by the Cabinet this week in the face of fury from opposition parties, plans to cut DM25 billion — more than £10 billion — from public spending next year.

In April, a previous package of spending cuts and labour market reforms, designed to lower the proportion of spending to gross domestic product by 2 per cent in a year, was condemned by trade unionists as socially obscene and merciless. Oskar Lafontaine, leader of the Social Democrats, called it "a declaration of war on social justice".

The ostensible reason for Herr Kohl's assault on Germany's prized social consensus and, in more practical terms, considerable standard of living, is the need to meet the debt and deficit criteria laid down in the Maastricht treaty and so make the grade to join a single currency.

But beyond the immediate needs of the monetary union timetable is an acute sense that Germany is losing its international competitiveness. The consensual social market system that has served Germany so well since the end of the Second World War may not be the right way to compete in the decades ahead, at least without substantial reform.

Shortly after the Berlin Wall came down and Herr Kohl defied the Bundesbank by opting for a big bang approach to unification, including one-for-one convertibility for the ostmark, Christian Watrin, an eminent German economist, said: "What Germany needs is a good dose of Thatcherism."

It is galling for the land of the *wirtschaftswunder* to be told by the World Economic Forum that you have dropped to 22nd place in its competitiveness league behind the likes of Chile, Finland, Hong Kong and ... Britain. The forum, which biases its rankings towards free market economies, is scathing about what it calls the "ill mood in Germany today as the so-called social partners debate the downsizing of the German welfare state".

The uproar over spending cuts announced thus far is likely to be minor skirmish compared with what to come if Germany is to tackle the competitiveness issue for real. In spite of the fact that planned German spending cuts appear to be huge in numerical terms, structural reforms are relatively small scale so far. They may seem laughably comfortable to a Briton after the Thatcherite revolution of the 1980s. Take as an example one current proposal that state-subsidised cures at health resorts are to be cut to three weeks every four years instead of four weeks every four years; or a modest liberalisation of shopping hours. Germany is famous for its *lange Samstag* — the one long Saturday in the month when shops are open for a full day.

There are, in fact, more serious reforms afoot that may have some genuine effect on Germany's ability to deal with its competitiveness blackspots. Notoriously generous unemployments benefits are to be scaled back, there is to be a reduction of sick pay from 100 per cent of wages to 80 per cent, and firms with ten or fewer employees are to be exempt from job protection guarantees. Formerly, this applied to companies with five employees or less.

But the process is at the very beginning and the competitiveness problems are considerable. Addressing a recent conference hosted by the Society of Business Economists, Klaus Wieners, head of research at WestLB Bank, emphasised that, although Germany had probably overcome its recession, its long-term structural problems would become even more acute.

The cost of integrating eastern Germany will absorb 3 to 4 per cent of gross national product a year for many years to come, a considerable burden even for a rich economic region such as west Germany. And Germany has to absorb these costs and undertake structural reform within the painful framework of a currency that is overvalued, according to Herr Wieners, by about 10 per cent. There is, of course, no way out of this because of Maastricht.

Herr Wieners is blunt about the problems Germany faces. Germany has among the shortest working hours in the world and one of the lowest retirement ages in the world. Its pensioners are astonishingly well catered for. "You will see a lot of them in Majorca for six months of the year. The rest are somewhere between Vancouver and Sydney," Herr Wieners jokes pointedly.

A comparison of total labour costs in manufacturing shows that Germany is an extraordinarily expensive place to employ people. Costs in Japan are 75 per cent of Germany's, France 61 per cent, America 55 per cent, Britain 45 per cent, Hungary 10 per cent and Malaysia 6 per cent. And whereas in Britain 73 per cent of hourly labour costs are wages and only 27 per cent are non-wage labour costs (in-work benefits, National Insurance contributions etc), in Germany the proportions are 55 per cent for wages and 45 per cent for non-wages.

It is no mistake that Germany has an unemployment rate of 11 per cent, or 14 per cent, Herr Wieners estimates, if those on job creation and training schemes are included, and the jobs problem is not confined to the east.

The accompanying charts, provided by John Llewellyn, chief economist at Lehman Brothers in Europe, are graphic illustration that flexible labour markets create jobs. (The quality of jobs is another debate). Europe stands indicted against America and Oceania: Australia and New Zealand.

Both these are latter day free marketeers. New Zealand, which achieved third place in the World Economic Forum's competitiveness league this year, was much the most radical.

It opted for a big bang reform package in 1984 that swept away financial controls, lowered trade tariffs, removed subsidies, transformed the tax system and ushered in an extensive programme of privatisation. Labour market reforms came later, the most far reaching being the Employment Contracts Act in 1991 that broke down old collective bargaining and replaced it with a system in which each employer signs a contract with each employee. Unemployment peaked at 11 per cent, but then fell rapidly to just over 6 per cent now. Excluding Maoris and Pacific Islanders who still suffer proportionately higher unemployment, the jobless rate is down to 4.6 per cent.

What is good news for those governments, like Germany, which want to sell reform to their electorates, is that there are genuine results. What is more worrying is that these results take a while to bite. In New Zealand, Dr Llewellyn says that it took at least five years before the policies could be seen to be working and the better part of ten years before the public accepted the fact.

There is, of course, a down side to flexibility as the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development is expected to point out in its *Employment Report* published next week. In America and Britain, earnings have become a lot more unequal, there may not be much compensating upward mobility for those on low wages, and there may be more social exclusion and, therefore, pressure on budgets as social safety nets suck in more resources.

This apart, it is *schadenfreude* for British critics of the social market system to write Germany off as an economic has-been. Given the astonishing task of incorporating 16 million new Germans from a collapsed command economy, it is a second *wirtschaftswunder* that the western economy has been inconvenienced rather than destabilised. And Germany, ever the realist, has accepted the need for flexibility far more than France: its budget-cutting efforts barely make a dent in real spending.

But time is short for those countries committed to a monetary union. Dr Llewellyn said: "The formation of EMU in 1999, by neutering the three main adjustment mechanisms of monetary policy, fiscal policy and the exchange rate, stands to place a greater burden on the internal adjustment mechanisms." Those who favour the single currency do so precisely because they know that countries will be forced into structural reform. The flaw in this argument is that reform will be far more difficult within the straitjacket of a single currency.

Dr Llewellyn says that major structural reform should have started five years ago and now be reaching a peak. Even if reform now takes off in earnest, the benefits could be another five years off. A monetary union that sees unemployment persist at dreadful current levels could be politically unsustainable.

Study aid gives pupils real-life business sense

Fraser Nelson reports on testing of the updated edition of *The Times 100*

Coca-Cola and Heinz have joined more than 50 companies sponsoring the 1996 edition of *The Times 100*, the national teaching aid designed to help GCSE, A-Level and GNVQ students bridge the gap between theory and practice in business studies.

The package, issued to every school and college in the UK, uses each of its sponsors as a case study to examine a key aspect of its business strategy and problem-solving. The result is an educational resource giving real-life examples to back the classroom theory.

Pupils at Woodhouse Grove School in Bradford, who tested the two new case studies, looked at Coca-Cola's decision to link itself with sporting events, and Heinz's decision to alter its marketing strategy to fend off competition from supermarkets' own-brand labels.

Dave Needham, lecturer in business studies education at Stirling University and one of the project's writers, said the aim was to give pupils a wider and more meaningful understanding of business, teaching them how to put their textbook knowledge of business studies and economics to practical use. "We want students to have a complete picture of the issues in business today, and by giving them examples from companies they recognise, *The Times 100* series should make lessons much easier to grasp," he said.

Colin Clare, head of business studies at Woodhouse Grove, said that real-life examples were the lifeblood of business studies, and that *The Times 100* gave information teachers could not hope to assemble individually. "It would take me ages to get information about Coca-Cola into a case study. With a library on hand, it's possible to give students concrete examples of organisations at work."

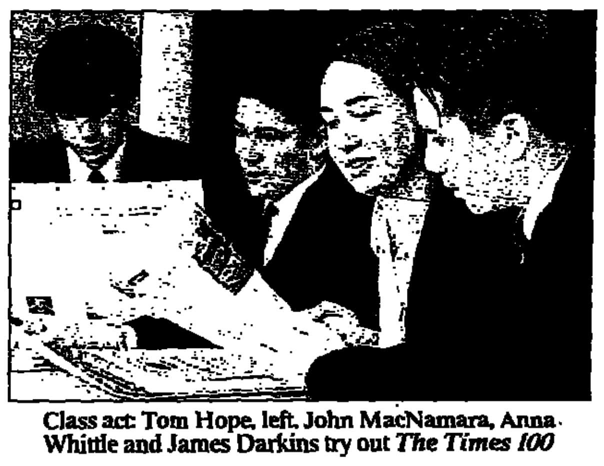
At an undergraduate level, students are often told about the "big picture", which they will see when their theoretical knowledge of economics slots in with practical experience and current affairs, creating a tangible whole. The idea behind business studies as a subject is to make the "big picture" available at school level by fusing theory and practice at a much earlier stage.

Pupils at Woodhouse Grove said that business studies did seem more "real" than other subjects. Ben Rhodes, studying for the GNVQ, said that he found the syllabus "both easier and harder" than other subjects as it required more hours of work, but it was easier to grasp.

His GNVQ, which is worth two A-Levels, is designed to be more vocational than traditional exams. Students are required to undergo work experience, and conduct independent research into companies. Pupils studying for GNVQs said that *The Times 100* was particularly useful as a compendium of business information they could use as a research tool, as well as providing illustrations to lessons.

The 550-pupil Woodhouse Grove School has a building devoted to business studies. It seeks to build links with local companies, and is looking at installing video-conferencing facilities, which they would offer to businesses in return for work placements for pupils.

Some 7,000 copies of *The Times 100*, each containing 52 case studies, were sent to schools and colleges last November. The new edition, which contains more than 45 new entries, will be sent out in the autumn.



Class act: Tom Hope, left, John MacNamara, Anna Whittle and James Darkins try out *The Times 100*

BUSINESS LETTERS

Unattractive spectacle of rich rewards for campaigners as names await decision time in the Lloyd's affair

From G. D. V. Glynn

Sir, As the time rapidly approaches for the names at Lloyd's to decide whether to accept or reject the R&R settlement offer, the indications are that the vast majority wish to accept.

However, before the offer can be put to the membership, it is necessary that the resolutions at the Ordinary General Meeting and the Class Meeting to be held on July 15 are passed. The resolutions at the Extraordinary General Meeting called for the same day are incompatible and should be voted against by all those who support R&R. This EGM is an unnecessary diversion, serving no useful purpose, and was called by a small group of dissident action group leaders.

With the prospect of a settlement drawing near, we are now faced with the unattractive spectacle of a "rush for cash" by those engaged in this particular industry. The sums involved are staggering. One chairman alone is believed to be in the running for £800,000.

I, myself, was surprised to receive within the last few days a circular containing a formula likely to produce £1 million to £1.5 million, to be shared between 11, and signed by a man to whom we have been paying £24,000 p.a. for his particular part-time job. The same individual recently wrote, with reference to the action group leaders, "what drives us is a determination to see justice done, and not personal gain".

What price altruism?

Yours faithfully,
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Checking the story that a firm's figures tell

From Cyril F. Foster

Sir, When preparing the yearly accounts for my son (a sole trader), the accountant examines the company bank statements to check that the figures submitted to him are supported by the sums seen to be moving through the bank account.

Do not all accountants do this (re Pennington's comments of July 3 on Wickes and Polly Peck) — or am I missing something? And is tax charged on the actual or imaginary profits?

Yours faithfully,
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When bonuses based on profit and share price rises should be forfeited

From Idris R Francis

Sir, Common to the problems of Barings, Sumitomo, Wickes and others is that senior managers stood to receive substantial bonuses based on profits and share price rises.

Many tend therefore not only not to look for problems, but to turn blind eyes until too late, maximising their own income at the expense of shareholders and creditors. This will continue unless and until the law ensures that all such profits be forfeited (at least) by individuals who knew, or should have known, the figures were suspect.

As a bystander, I find it utterly unacceptable that, for example, some Barings' employees were paid by ING bonuses based on spurious profits, while the investors received nothing.

Yours faithfully,
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Surprised by faith in MMC

From Mr Philip Rogerson

Sir, Your correspondent (Business Letters, July 3) Roger Turner (Managing Director, United Gas Company Limited), says: "Time for MMC inquiry and more radical proposals on TransCo regulation."

We are surprised that he places such faith in MMC process. In June a shippers' group, of which United Gas appears to be spokesman, stated that the "current price formula [set by OFGAS in 1994] which is based on MMC views, is flawed". Also, it stated that "the [1992-93 British Gas] MMC report was not consistent".

On United Gas's proposal to establish TransCo as a separate legal subsidiary, this was debated by the House of Commons Standing Committee examining the 1995 Gas Bill and rejected by 15 votes to one, with one abstention.

Yours faithfully,
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Russians join race to rescue Fokker

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN AMSTERDAM

FOKKER, the bankrupt Dutch aircraft manufacturer, is again Europe's most courted aerospace firm as new contenders emerged to fight for its hand.

The long-awaited rescue of the company that went bankrupt on March 15 appeared to have moved much nearer after an announcement on Wednesday by Aviatsionnaya Korporatsiya Yakovlev, the Russian aerospace company, that it wanted to buy Fokker this year.

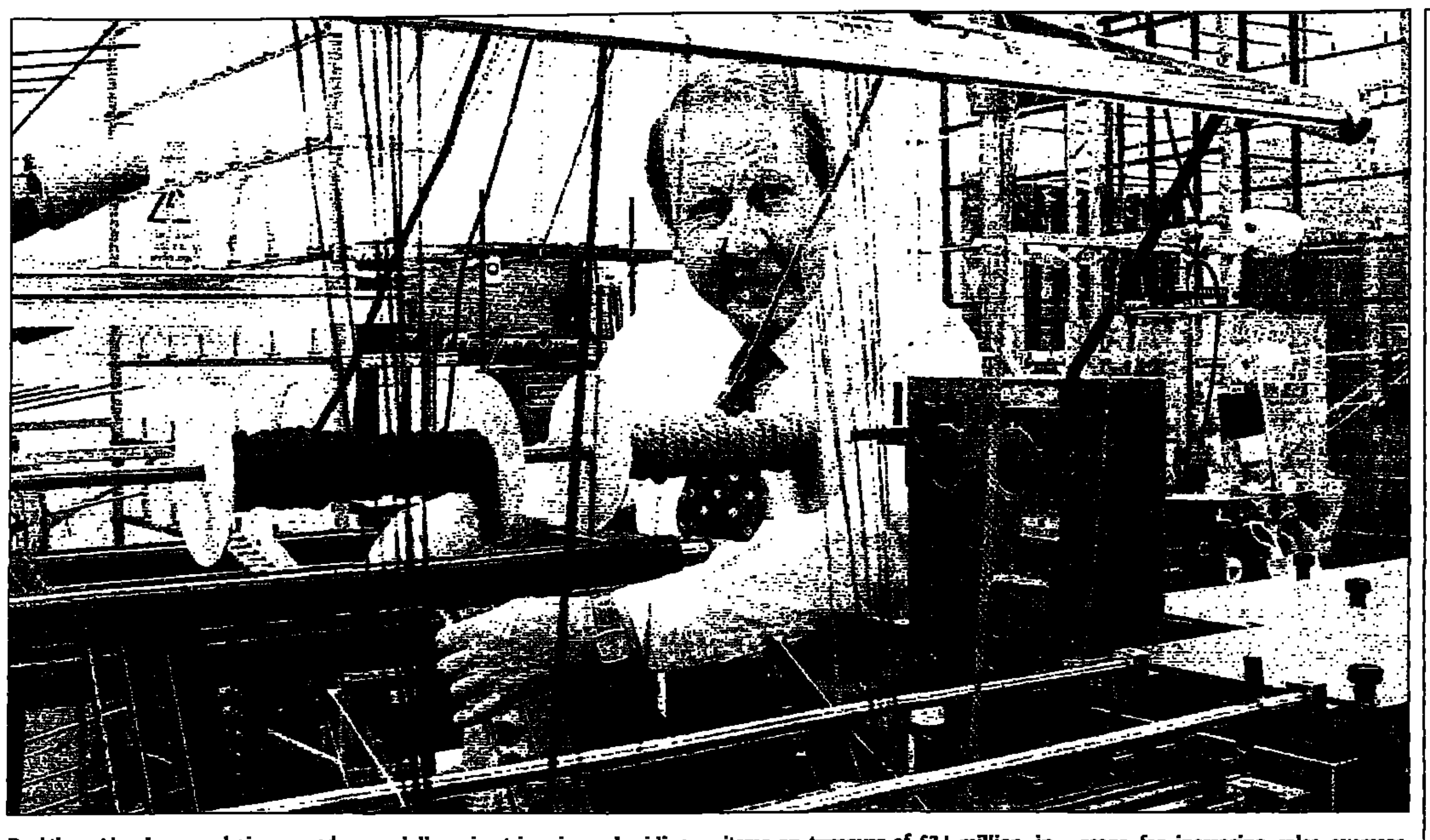
The Dutch Economics Ministry yesterday said that new industrial companies had surfaced as possible rescuers, but it declined to give names. Luuc van Zijp, a spokesman, said: "There is interest in Fokker from international companies." He added that Suitors included industrial companies outside those that have already expressed an interest.

Until now the Russians had only sporadic contact with the receivers after discussing a takeover in April, leaving the scene to three Dutch venture capitalists. Of these three executives — Jaap Rosen Jacobson, Joep van den Nieuwenhuyzen and Willem van Kooten, who were all aiming to line up other investors — only Rosen Jacobson is regarded as a serious candidate.

Fokker's aircraft services and maintenance arms survived the bankruptcy and are currently under exclusive due diligence investigation by Stork, a Dutch engineering company, which is considering making an offer.

Fokker said in June that it would prolong life after death, at least until April 1997, and produce 30 planes, including a new order for six Fokker 70-seater aircraft from KLM.

Asked if it was appropriate for a bankrupt company to compete in the market by using its lower production costs, the receivers said it was the best way to preserve the company's value.



Reel time: Alan Jerome, chairman and chief executive of S. Jerome & Sons (Holdings), the West Yorkshire fabrics and yarns company, which is acquiring Nottingham Braid for £2.7 million in cash and shares. Nottingham Braid specialises in trimmings, braiding, fringes and accessories for the lighting and decorating industries. The Derby-based company had profits of £422,000 before tax and exceptional items on turnover of £3.1 million, in the year to March 31.

Mr Jerome said that Nottingham Braid was an extremely well-run, cash generative company, and there was scope for increasing sales overseas. Jerome is raising £2.6 million by way of a rights issue, with one new share for every two existing shares at 68p each. Jerome shares rose 1p to 82p.

MMC referral threat prompts sale by Ibstock

BY OLIVER AUGUST

IBSTOCK, the construction company, will sell six brick factories after threats from Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, to refer the company's proposed acquisition of Redland's brick business to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC).

Mr Lang, who was acting on advice from the Office of Fair Trading, said yesterday that competition concerns would arise from the acquisition which would result in Ibstock and Hanson Brick accounting for most of the UK brick supply.

Mr Lang said: "The merger is likely to lead to a significant loss of competition in the market for the supply of bricks in Great Britain." He suggested that Ibstock should sell the six plants and ensure they are run as viable businesses in the period before the disposal, and sold as going concerns.

While the market is competitive at present, an increased concentration is expected to lead to higher prices when the bricks industry recovers, he added.

Ibstock promptly responded to this by announcing its divestments. It also said it had agreed with Redland that Redland may pay Ibstock up to £12.5 million, depending on the level of sale proceeds realised for the six plants.

Ibstock said it expects the deal to be completed by the end of this month if it is not referred. Sir Colin Hope, the Ibstock chairman, said: "We remain convinced that this deal is very much in shareholders' interests, even taking into account the limited divestments we have agreed to make, and the combined business will benefit from the significant opportunities to reduce overheads and operating costs."

The original deal, which was announced in April, would make Ibstock Britain's largest brickmaker with 34 per cent of the market.

Ibstock said the six factories to be sold had a combined capacity of 157 million bricks a year, about one-eighth of the capacity of the country's combined business.

The six Ibstock plants to be sold are Steerpoint in the South West, Eldon and Toddhills in the North East, and South Holmwood, Chailey and Funton in the South East.

The Department of Trade yesterday declined to say whether Ibstock's response had averted a MMC referral.

It said the parties involved should make their response known to the Director-General of the Office of Fair Trading.

They are asked to explain the "appropriateness of the draft undertakings to remedy the adverse effects of the acquisition".

Representations have to be made in writing by the end of next week.

Ibstock shares fell 2½p to 71p yesterday. Redland shares fell 1p to 414p.

Pub chain asks OFT for new beer deal

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

INNTREPRENEUR PUB COMPANY has asked the Office of Fair Trading to review its order preventing it from maintaining a beer supply agreement beyond the end of March 1998.

The order was made in 1991 after Inntrepreneur was created by pooling the estates of Grand Metropolitan and Fosters, which at that point owned Courage, the brewer.

But Fosters sold Courage to Scottish and Newcastle last year, in theory freeing Inntrepreneur to strike a supply agreement with any brewer when the existing agreement with Scottish and Newcastle terminates in 1998.

Inntrepreneur believes that since it is no longer tied to a brewer it should have the right, common to most of the UK's independent pub retailers, to negotiate a single supply agreement. This would allow it greater purchasing power, thus keeping its beer costs down.

Inntrepreneur has also substantially reduced its estate from 10,000 outlets in 1991 to 3,000.

The City believes that the right to negotiate a single supply agreement is a vital step towards floating off the pub chain in the next couple of years.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

WTO calls time on Japan's drink tax

THE World Trade Organisation has backed the European Union in a dispute with Japan over drinks imports, the European Commission said yesterday. "The final (WTO) report, which will go to the dispute settlement body for a final ruling, says that Japan has been violating WTO rules by charging excess high taxes on whisky, brandy, vodka . . . to protect local producers," a spokesman said. "We will use it to urge the Japanese to reform their tax law."

EU sources said the finding could mean a huge boost for the European drinks industry. The Commission was expected to use it to prise open other markets, notably in South Korea and Chile. The EU has claimed that Japanese tax rules have effectively blocked European drinks producers from entering the lucrative Japanese market, which is dominated by local producers. According to Commission figures, whisky exports to Japan by volume fell 25 per cent between 1994 and 1995. Japan imports 8 per cent of its drinks.

Baris acquisition

BARIS Holdings, the drylining and fire protection systems group, is to acquire Jordan Engineering, a privately owned business involved in decommissioning nuclear plant and equipment and the fabrication of stainless steel structures, for a maximum consideration of £2.5 million. The acquisition will be financed by a £3.75 million placing and open offer. Shares in the renamed Jordec Group will continue to be listed on the Alternative Investment Market. Yesterday, Baris reported profits of £340,000 before tax for the year to February 29 (loss of £4.17 million the previous year). Earnings were 1.8p a share (41p loss). There is again no dividend.

Shani up at half time

SHANI GROUP, the manufacturer of ladies' and children's fashion separates, coats and suits, said order books for the second half of the current financial year were at good levels. First-half trading was also strong, despite continuing pressure from retailers in terms of lead times and margins. In the six months to the end of April the company lifted profits to £1.18 million before tax, from £1.07 million, on turnover that improved to £13.8 million, from £10.9 million. Earnings were 5.4p a share, up from 5p. The interim dividend is increased to 2.37p a share, from 2.15p. The shares closed yesterday at 136p, a rise of 3p.

Funds for DB shake-up

DEUTSCHE BABCOCK, the troubled German engineering group, has secured additional funding of DM600 million from banks for its restructuring programme. The programme was approved by the company's board on Monday, but will not be outlined to investors for a number of weeks. DB plans to sell off fringe activities and to complete the restructuring by the end of 1997. One-off charges and operating losses will leave a total deficit of about DM400 million in the current financial year, which ends on September 30.

Adam & Harvey dips

ADAM & HARVEY Group, the international distribution and steel stockholding company with interests in Africa, Britain, Germany and the Far East, suffered a decline in profits to £4.6 million before tax in the year to March 31, from £6 million previously. Earnings fell to 53.6p a share, from 84.7p. The final dividend is held at 13.5p a share, making a total of 24.5p (22p). The company said that profits from ongoing operations, particularly in the steel stockholding division, held up better than had been expected. The shares rose 10p to 413p.

Haircare jobs boost

UP TO 100 new jobs will be created in Swansea after a £3.15 million expansion by Alberto Culver, the American-owned haircare and toiletries company. The company is constructing an additional 50,000 square foot plant alongside its European manufacturing headquarters on the Swansea Enterprise Park. The expansion will increase the number of employees to almost 400. The company, which has been in Wales since 1990, exports products made in the principality to Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

Watchdog fears rule change against shareholder interests

Emap director-firing plan faces defeat

BY OLIVER AUGUST

Miller: faces defeat

DIRECTORS at Emap, the media and exhibitions company, face an embarrassing defeat over proposals for new rules on firing board members. Pirc, the investment watchdog, is confident that, at next week's annual meeting, shareholders will vote against changes to the articles of association, which would increase the power of the board, led by Robin Miller, the chief executive.

Two non-executive directors have also publicly opposed the changes by printing their own statement of dissent in the official shareholder circular. Joe Cooke and Ken Simmons told shareholders: "This provision removes shareholder protection from any minority of directors who believe any particular majority decision of the board not to be in shareholders' best interest."

Under the new rules a director would be required to resign after a written request from 75 per cent of board members. Pirc fears the new rules will silence boardroom critics and deter whistleblowers.

The rule changes will go through if no more than 25 per cent of shareholders vote against them at next Thursday's agm. But Anne Simpson, a director of Pirc, has had a positive response from several large institutional investors after urging them, in a letter, to deny directors the power to fire each other. She is convinced that shareholders will not give away their powers easily. "The law requires that shareholders appoint company directors. It is therefore only proper that their removal is done by shareholders as well," she said.

The Emap board has argued that the changes would make the board more effective as it would prevent a small group of directors from obstructing the conduct of business in their own interests. But by the same token it could stop independent-minded directors upholding shareholders' interests, Pirc said.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity: John Kinross emergency Fund
Scheme to appoint The Royal College of Surgeons of England as sole trustee of the Charity
Reference: ALR-306827-CD(Ldn)
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be seen at Wilde Sapte, solicitors or can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX quoting the above reference. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

Latymer Foundation at Hammersmith
(Registered charity No 312714)
Notice is hereby given that application has been made by the Governors of the Foundation to the Secretary of State for Education and Employment for an Order under S.78 of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975. The proposed Order will modify the present Scheme in respect of the admission of girls, in addition to boys, to the sixth form only of Latymer Upper School.
A draft of the Order and a copy of the regulating trust deeds for the present Scheme may be inspected during office hours at the Bursar's offices, Latymer Upper School, King Street, London W6 9LR
Representations about this application should be sent to the Legal Branch, Department for Education and Employment, Caxton House, 6-12 Tothill Street, London SW1H 9NF, to be received there within one month of the date of this Notice
J P Wood
Clerk to the Governors
Latymer Foundation at Hammersmith
12 July 1996

LEGAL, PUBLIC, COMPANY & PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES

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LEGAL NOTICES

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
WASI (UK) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 95 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held at Wessex House, 19 Threefield Lane, Southampton on the seventeenth day of July 1996 at 3.00 pm for the purposes of nominating a Liquidator and, if appropriate of appointing a Liquidation Committee. Any proxy to be used at the meeting must be lodged not later than 12 noon on the business day prior to the meeting at Wessex House, 19 Threefield Lane, Southampton SO14 3QB. A statement of claim must also be lodged

NOTICE is also given that, for the purpose of voting, secured creditors must (unless they surrender their security) lodge a statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given, and the value at which they estimate it

Information concerning the company may be obtained from Wessex House, 19 Threefield Lane, Southampton SO14 3QB.
Creditors are requested in any event to forward details of the amount due them by the company (together with a statement of account where applicable) to Wessex House, 19 Threefield Lane, Southampton SO14 3QB in order that the Statement of Affairs being prepared by the company may be as correct as possible
Dated 2 July 1996
W J H Elles
Liquidator

Commercial Presentations Limited
Registered Number. 1369911
Former company name: Commercial Presentations Conferences Limited
Nature of Business: Exhibition Organisers
Trade Classification. 38
Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers. 5 July 1996
Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: National Westminster Bank plc
Type of Security. Mortgage Debenture
Date of Security: 14 September 1989
Names of persons appointed. L A Manning and S V Freakley both of Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF. (Office Holder Nos 6477 and 8291)

J C SPOONER & SON LTD
(In Administrative Receivership and Liquidation)
The Insolvency Act 1986
Notice is hereby given that I, Martin Fishman was appointed liquidator of the above named Company on the 2nd July 1996 by the creditors. Notice is also hereby given that the Creditors of the above Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before 9th August 1996, to send in their full forenames and surname, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any) to the undersigned of Arthur Andersen, PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London, WC2R 2NT, the Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing by the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated 9th July 1996
M FISHMAN, Liquidator

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
BELL & WEBSTER CONSTRUCTION LIMITED
Registered number 02255699
Nature of business Civil construction contractors and general builders
Trade classification:23 and 26
Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 4 July 1996
Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc
D J Pallen and T C Carter Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder no.s 5317 and 4012
Address: Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
JOHN BARKER PROJECTS LIMITED
Registered number 3078686
Nature of business: General Builders
Trade classification: 26
Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 4 July 1996
Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc
D J Pallen and T C Carter Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder no.s 5317 and 4012
Address: Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU

LAWLER DUFFY SHOES LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor) London, W2 6LF, on 24th July 1996 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq. It is not intended to propose any resolutions at the meeting concerning Liquidators remuneration, however the meeting may receive information about, or be called upon to approve, the costs of preparing the statement of affairs and convening the meeting.
A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am to 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated this 8th July 1996
M. MICHAELIDES, Director

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
JOHN BARKER CONSTRUCTION LIMITED
Registered number 00835679
Nature of business: General Builders
Trade classification: 26
Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 4 July 1996
Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc
D J Pallen and T C Carter Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder no.s 5317 and 4012
Address: Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
IBC HOLDINGS LIMITED
Registered number 2086048
Nature of business: Holding Company
Trade classification: 26
Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 4 July 1996
Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc
D J Pallen and T C Carter Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder no.s 5317 and 4012
Address: Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Bladerunner Arena Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held in the New Cosgrove Lodge Hotel, Cosgrove, Milton Keynes on 16th July 1996 at Noon for the purposes provided for in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Pursuant to Section 98(2) of the Act lists of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection, free of charge, at Stephen Conn & Co., 2nd Floor, 17 St Ann's Square, Manchester M2 7PW on the two business days falling next before the day of the meeting.
Dated 2nd July 1996
A TEALE
Director

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
No.002974 of 1996
IN THE MATTER OF NESTE HOLDINGS (U.K.) LIMITED
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated Wednesday, 3rd day of July 1996, confirming the reduction of the capital of the above Company from £150,000,000 to £29,952,352 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 5th July 1996.
NORTON ROSE
Kempson House
PO Box 570, Camomile Street
London EC3A 7AN
(Ref: JLM/63/2100636
Solicitors for the Company

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
TURBERVILLE SMITH & SON LIMITED
Registered number 00092400
Trading Name Turberville Smith & Son Limited
Nature of business: Office Furniture Retailers
Trade classification: 20
Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 4 July 1996
Name of person appointing the administrative receivers. National Westminster Bank Plc
G S Kinlan and P R Copp Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder nos 8268 and 1788
Address: BDO Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA

Kvaerner puts chiefs in London

FROM AP IN OSLO

KVAERNER, the Norwegian shipping and engineering company, is moving key management to London as part of a re-organisation after its takeover of Trafalgar House.

Kvaerner, which acquired Trafalgar House for £904 million in April, said that the combined companies were being organised into six core businesses: shipbuilding, processing, construction, oil and gas, metals and wood pulping.

Activities still undergoing major restructuring, such as the Cunard Line and Trafalgar House Property, will be handled separately from the six core areas, Kvaerner said.

The company is changing the names of Trafalgar companies or incorporating them into existing divisions to reflect the new ownership.

Kvaerner has been expanding internationally, and bought Trafalgar a few months after failing in a hostile bid for another British company, Amec. Kvaerner now employs 56,000 people in about 200 locations around the world.

Erik Toenseth, president and chief executive, said: "We have a framework for an organisation that can focus on our goal of building Kvaerner into a leading technology and construction firm in the world."

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
556	429½	Allied Domecq	429	-9	6.7	16.6
625	500	Bulmer (HP)	597	+3	2.6	18.4
131	96	Burn Stewart	101		6.2	21.6
775	615	Champagne Ar	766		2.3	19.6
464	417	Grand Met	442	-5	4.4	19.5
493	435	Guinness	466	-5	4.0	15.2
378	315	Highland Dist	375	-2	2.2	17.5
195	150	Macallan-Glen	155	-1	1.2	21.8
803	655	Matthew Clark	741	-2	4.1	30.7
141	93	Mercyd W	139		4.2	
2612½	1706¼	SA Breweries	1851¼		3.3	

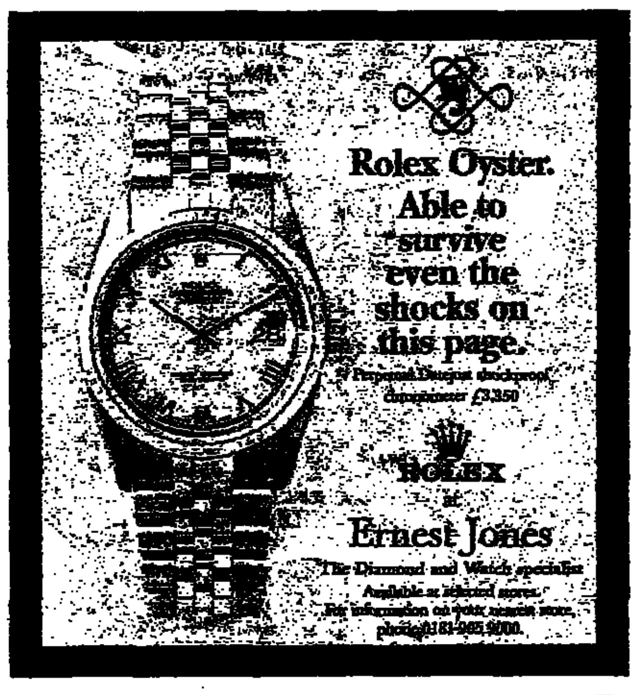
BANKS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3616¾	2743¾	ABN-AMRO	3396½	-50	4.1	11.6
663	528	Abbey Nt	572	-6	4.8	11.0
385	322	Allied Irish	330		5.2	9.6
336	285	Aus NZ	312	+2	5.9	7.7
5243¾	3843½	Bank America	4943¾	+87½		
316	231½	Bank Scotland	245½		3.5	10.3
819	683	Barclays	732	-3	4.1	10.4
488	422	Bk of Ireland	434		4.4	
482	379	Cater Allen	435	+1	8.6	
5606¼	4031¼	Citicorp	5075	+68¾		
382	318	Close Bros	354	-1	5.2	15.7
£157¾	£131½	Commerzbk	£140¼	+387½	3.5	
1350	1103¼	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1109¾	-9¾	0.4	
3412½	2950	Deutsche Bk	3150	-78¾	3.4	
803½	583¾	Espirito Santo	768¾		2.7	10.2
1507	1266½	Fuji Bank Y	1307½	-6	0.4	
472	363	Gerrard Natl	353		8.1	11.2
252	196	Hambros	234		4.0	
1125	931	HSBC	1032	-7	3.9	11.0
1099	930	HSBC HF	1007½	-6½	4.0	10.7
421	325	Irish Perm	409	-2	3.1	11.2
177	143	King Shaxson	162		6.9	12.6
456	415	Leopold J	428		5.9	15.0
347½	294½	Lloyds TSB	338	-2	2.9	14.9
640	571	Nat Aust Bk	592		7.4	7.5
711	605½	Nat West	635	-12	5.0	8.9
66	50	Rea Brothers	50	-2	2.5	24.0
596	483	Ryl Bk Scott	495	-5	4.3	10.9
1380	1185	Schroders	1320	-8	1.5	18.4
1178	890	Schroders N/V	1030	-3	1.9	14.4
122	99½	Singer & Fried	111		4.5	9.2
673	547	Stand Chart	653	-1	2.1	14.3
105	95½	Union	96		3.9	
£174¼	£131½	Wells Fargo	£149½	-62½	2.2	
339¾	264	Westpac	277¾	-¼	5.2	
360	268	Woolwich	300		4.5	

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
50	36	Abtrn Sk Hc	38			8.3
385	363	Ascot Hldgs	385			
839	702	Bass	822	-13	3.5	17.7
70	40	Bin for the Bdr	40	-7	6.2	10.5
177	161	Burtonwd Brw	171		4.1	
126¼	92	City Centre Rest	120½	-¼	2.3	
621	463	Compass Grp	593	-6	1.7	29.2
265	190	Eldridge P	258		2.3	23.8
540	413	Fuller Sm A	540		2.2	
636	551	Greenalls Grp	567	-3	3.2	15.4
671	567¼	Greene King	609	-3	3.2	
285	224	Grosvenor Inns	244		2.8	25.9
259	204	Groupe Chez Ger	225		1.4	22.8
357	299	Hardy Hanson	301	+1	4.2	11.2
3475	3075	Hall J	3075		2.3	16.7
72	45	Inn Business	65½	-1½		

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
558	436	Brammer	549		3.2	17.1
22	18	Bridgend Grp	20		1.2	
113	76	Brit Fittings	98		4.6	13.4
290	245	Caffyns	285		5.0	22.6
160	105	Cawdale	130	+1	2.9	8.7
96	65½	Central Mo	92		0.7	
107½	78	Charles Sidney	100		4.8	14.1
79	54¾	Cook (DC)	78	+4	3.4	
404¾	276¼	Cowie	397		3.3	15.5
175	120½	Dag Motors	153	-2	6.3	10.6
163	125½	[illegible]	140		2.4	14.0
474	342	Diploma	342		5.3	12.0
407	378	Electrocomponts	392	+5	2.1	25.1
314	171	Eurodis Elec	186		3.0	13.9
134	65	Eurodollar	105	-1	4.9	15.7
105	76	European Mot	94		6.9	
375	286	Evans Halshaw	343	-7	6.0	12.5
67	48	Fife Indmar	58		8.2	6.9
338	248	Finelist Grp	317	-2	2.2	14.6
37¼	16½	Gardiner	28		3.8	11.5
65½	33½	Glenchewton	65	-1	1.7	47.8
91	84	Gowrings	86	-1	4.0	13.1
292	216	Harris (Philip)	261		3.9	19.6
293	200½	Headlam	285	-1	2.1	22.7
290	132	Holders Tech	200		3.8	19.7
185	153	ISA Intl	182		1.6	18.5
316	231	Inchcape	286	-1	4.0	
60	33	Jacks (Wm)	50		4.4	19.3
248	169	Kwik-Fit	226		2.8	15.9
389	299	Lex Service	369	-1	5.1	13.4
155	119	Lookers	147		6.9	8.5
17	10½	Malaya Grp	11½		7.2	11.9
9¼	7¼	Middleton	7¼		1.3	
47	31	Midstates	39	-1		8.8
565	440	Normans	524	-2	1.8	15.5
349	232	Northamber	249	-21	1.1	
162	108	PCT	118		8.3	11.2
341	272	Pendragon	324		3.4	17.0
211	145	Perry Gp	186		5.3	11.2
745	603	Premier Farnell	640	-4	2.1	17.1
190	135	Quicks Group	188	-2	4.2	15.7
315	185	REA	305	-3	1.7	30.2
3	2	Renco	2			
61	36½	Roncon	38		4.9	5.8
4¼	2	Ross Gp	3¼			
56	45½	SEP Ind	53		3.9	11.3
195	120	Saltire	154		0.8	20.6
373	246	Time Products	352		3.6	
41	30	Tops Hire	35		4.6	18.4
229	123	UMECO	214	-1	2.5	18.8
332½	263½	Vardy (Reg)	318	-9	2.6	
413	325	Wholesale Ftgs	385		3.9	20.5
59	31½	Walshaw	32	-2	3.4	
143	78	Wyko	143		1.5	
133	104	Young (H)	116		4.3	10.7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AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
01895 259 783				
Grofund Amer	213.50	226.00	- 0.60	0.14
Grofund Equity	273.50	290.80	- 0.20	1.87
Grofund Euro	271.40	288.80	+ 0.40	0.56
Grofund Extr Bal	131.50	136.30	.	2.58
Grofund Gilt	77.49	79.69	+ 0.16	6.85
Grofund Japan	179.90	190.40	- 0.60	
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01203 553 231				
General Acc	651.50	693.10	+ 0.40	2.49
General Inc	553.40	588.80	+ 0.20	2.49
UK Growth Acc	443.80	472.20	+ 0.40	2.68
UK Growth Inc	291.40	310.00	+ 0.30	2.68
Higher Inc Acc	778.20	827.90	+ 0.90	4.20
Higher Inc Inc	424.50	451.70	+ 0.60	4.20
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	207.70	219.40	0.10	5.62
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	93.23	98.48	- 0.07	5.62
Nth America	365.10	388.50	- 5.00	
Europe	358.40	381.30	- 1.20	0.35
Brit Excell	88.07	93.70†	+ 0.14	2.87
Brit Endmts Acc	112.30	119.50	+ 0.20	4.79
Brit Endmts Inc	76.96	81.88	+ 0.13	4.79
Global Opps	104.80	110.70†	- 0.80	0.02
Extdded Acc	62.49	66.48	- 0.05	2.86
Balanced Inc	59.12	62.90	- 0.04	2.86
Japan Acc	47.54	50.58	- 0.26	..
Pac Basin Acc	410.70	437.00	- 2.60	0.84
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
Gilts & Fixed Int	129.00	136.90†	+ 0.30	7.13
High Inc Equity	182.00	193.50†	+ 0.20	4.48
Worldwide Bond	283.60	300.80		4.89
American Growth	365.30	390.50	+ 0.30	0.19
Asian Pacific	344.70	368.70	+ 0.90	0.18
Assets & Earnings	297.80	318.50	+ 1.50	2.79
Euro Capital Acc	182.20	194.90		0.61
Extra Inc	43.63	46.41†	+ 0.01	7.72
General	274.00	291.50	- 0.60	3.01
Global Opps	69.69	74.14	- 0.18	0.54
Japan	125.20	133.90	0.30	
Managed Inc	47.91	50.97†	+ 0.07	4.56
Multi-Invest	169.10	180.90		0.80
US Emerging Cos	210.80	224.30	1.40	
Ethical	80.78	85.94†	- 0.02	2.58
International	140.30	149.30	- 0.30	0.35
Dividend & Growth	66.95	71.22†	+ 0.04	4.31
Global Gwth & Sec	73.12	79.11	+ 0.05	2.42
Latin America	67.15	71.44	- 0.82	
Capital Reserve	144.40	144.40		5.19
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	2341.00	2426.00	17.00	
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Abtr Inc & Growth	58.95	61.23	- 0.04	0.50
Emerging Mkts	74.45	78.74	- 0.31	0.84
European	151.70	157.80	- 0.80	
Exempt	1089.70	1155.80†	- 5.10	1.61
Extra Income #	46.45	49.83†	+ 0.01	6.64
Far East Emg Eco	134.80	141.50†	- 0.60	0.44
Fixed Interest #	25.16	26.17	+ 0.03	9.21
Fund Inv Tst	151.40	159.00†	+ 0.30	9.65
Japan	190.10	197.70	- 0.50	
Latin American	60.12	62.68	- 0.25	0.78
Pacific	86.16	90.47	- 0.29	0.29
Property Share	67.59	70.95†	+ 0.21	2.47
UK Emerging Cos	73.40	79.35†	+ 0.05	1.21
UK Growth	52.39	55.32	+ 0.02	2.12
Aber World Port #	81.73	82.94†	- 0.18	1.89
Ethical	78.98	80.06†	- 0.13	2.30
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.84	50.84†	- 0.01	7.42
For AEGON see Matheson				
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0171 256 5868				
Resdl Property #	94.60	101.50		5.11
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	89.44	94.90	- 0.17	2.12
Income Builder Inc	78.31	83.31†	+ 0.01	4.36
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	275.80	294.90	- 0.50	3.15
Capital	490.20	524.00	- 1.30	1.20
Balanced	796.50	851.40†	- 2.60	2.44
Accumulator	1532.00	1637.00†	- 4.00	1.91
Income Trusts				
American Income	59.93	63.94	- 0.21	2.50
High Income	446.30	476.90	- 0.80	3.97
Equity Income	247.50	264.40†	- 0.40	4.00
High Yield	269.30	287.60	- 0.70	4.18
Govt Securities	33.84	35.71	+ 0.01	6.11
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	201.80	215.40	- 2.00	0.05
European Growth	54.40	58.15	- 0.22	0.07
International	190.20	203.20	- 0.60	0.11
Japan	216.10	231.00†	+ 0.40	
Pacific	431.00	460.70†	- 1.50	
Secs of America	556.80	593.70†	- 4.50	0.13
Worldwide Asset Val	56.76	60.67	- 0.14	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	613.80	656.10†	- 1.10	2.08
Com & Gilt	48.80	52.16	- 0.06	4.16
Smaller Cos	214.40	229.10†	- 0.69	0.07
2nd Smaller Cos	204.40	218.50	- 0.40	0.85
Recovery	166.90	178.40†	- 0.40	1.58
Met Min & Cdty	171.00	182.70	- 0.40	0.17
Osseas Earnings	414.20	442.70†	0.70	1.13
Technology	219.40	234.50	- 2.70	...
UK Special Sits	573.10	612.60	+ 0.10	1.02
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Consold Gilt Pens	116.10	120.60		3.04
Foundtn Pers Pens	69.91	72.63		1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 600 0033				
Capital	80.24	85.36†	- 0.04	1.66
International	68.83	73.27†		.
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
America	338.20	361.10	- 2.70	
Bond	115.70	121.70†	+ 0.20	6.85
Brit Smlr Cos	120.10	127.80	- 0.30	1.77
Com & Gen #	72.82	77.47	- 0.04	5.10
Europe	281.60	296.70	- 1.10	0.58
Euro Smlr Cos	125.40	133.30	- 1.00	0.69
Income Gwth	376.50	400.50†	- 0.10	4.37
Japan	335.40	356.70	+ 0.40	
Latin American	86.33	91.84†	- 0.64	0.85
Pacific	118.20	125.70	- 0.50	1.18
UK Smlr Cos	60.86	64.74	- 0.44	1.23
Japan Fd	708.00	727.50	- 0.50	
Mngd Fd	200.10	212.50	- 0.20	2.85
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Gilt & Cnvs	362.00	382.90	- 2.30	0.92
Capital Gwth	125.50	131.90	- 1.30	2.51
Trade Opps	218.50	231.10	- 1.80	0.90
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Gen Inv Fd Inc	411.80	429.00	+ 0.50	2.50
European Bd Inc	94.06	97.35†	+ 0.18	6.84
Exempt	80.04	85.73	+ 0.12	2.96
Financial	96.95	103.70†	- 0.10	2.71
500	556.80	564.20	+ 0.20	2.22
General	316.60	339.00	- 0.50	2.60
Property	240.30	257.80†		6.30
Trustee	218.10	233.30†	+ 0.10	2.39
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.10	100.10†		4.99
Distribution Inc #	111.20	117.70†	- 0.10	6.39
Extra Income #	123.90	140.20		4.87
Gilt & Fxd Int	56.78	59.82†	+ 0.14	9.02
Income #	581.20	621.70	- 0.50	4.73
Income Builder #	68.45	73.02	+ 0.13	5.47
Intl Income	69.30	73.61†	- 0.01	2.67
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	139.60	147.90		2.16
Leisure	179.30	191.70		0.62
Recovery	479.70	513.10	0.10	2.80
Smllr Cos Inc	59.95	63.56	- 0.05	1.99
Special Sits	385.50	412.30	- 0.90	0.86
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	168.10	178.80	- 0.50	0.07
Aust Acc	279.60	299.10	2.70	1.91
Aust Inc	167.20	179.30†	1.60	1.91
Euro Gwth Inc	190.80	202.50	- 0.20	0.55
-do- Accum	204.10	219.80	- 0.30	0.55
Japan & Gen Inc	156.30	166.70	- 0.50	
-do- Accum	158.60	168.00	- 0.50	
Japan Spec Sits	73.50	77.86	- 0.19	
Worldwide	197.70	209.80†	- 0.30	0.47
BARING FUND MANGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	129.70	137.80	- 0.60	
Amer Smllr Cos	161.30	172.70	3.70	
Convertibles	60.44	64.79†	+ 0.02	4.90
Eastern	312.70	330.60	2.70	0.30
Equity Income	96.04	102.70	.	3.80
European Growth	369.60	392.70	- 2.40	0.80
Europe	356.30	380.60†	- 2.90	1.60
German Growth	89.53	94.92	- 1.09	0.50
Global Bond	70.97	74.59	- 0.13	6.50
Global Growth	146.00	155.30	0.30	0.40
Japan Growth	204.70	219.50	0.70	
Japan Smllr Cos	174.30	185.30	0.40	
Korea Trust	72.57	78.76	- 1.39	
Portfolio	144.30	154.30	0.70	2.30
-do- Accum	269.90	289.00	- 0.30	2.30
UK Growth	100.20	107.50†	- 0.10	2.60
UK Smaller Cos	98.23	106.90	- 0.10	2.50
Select Managers	83.94	89.44	- 0.20	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	90.25	95.99		
Special Opps Inc	61.18	65.09		
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD				
0141 223 6030				
Balanced Growth	137.85	145.87	- 0.19	1.38
-do- Accum	158.84	168.09	- 0.22	1.38
Smaller Cos	152.34	165.44	- 0.06	0.48
Higher Yield #	55.52	58.75†	+ 0.01	5.83
American Gth Inc	94.40	99.91	- 1.46	
European Growth	163.54	173.06	- 1.16	
-do- Accum	166.83	176.53	- 1.18	
Global Bond Inc #	25.33	26.85†	+ 0.02	6.32
Mngd Portfo Inc	52.74	55.73	0.12	1.34
-do- Accum	54.35	57.49	0.12	1.34
Int Spec Opps	166.05	175.72	- 1.04	
Pacific Gth	149.79	158.81	0.27	
UK General #	93.31	98.76†	+ 0.05	2.77
-do- Accum #	99.91	105.72	- 0.06	2.77
Japan	61.82	65.42	- 0.18	
Gilt & Fixed Inc #	99.32	102.92†	+ 0.27	6.64
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	65.87	66.72	+ 0.08	6.56
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Environ	187.30	197.60†	- 0.30	1.89
UK Growth	207.70	217.60	+ 0.30	2.07
UK Income	144.10	151.70	+ 0.20	4.52
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 622 100				
Can Gen Dist	230.60	244.40	+ 0.30	1.67
-do- Income Dist	121.40	128.70	+ 0.10	3.99
-do- Accum	391.80	415.20	+ 0.40	3.89
Gilt & Fxd Int	41.07	43.09		6.31
Growth Units	243.70	260.60	+ 0.30	2.07
Bond	175.52	184.80	- 0.30	7.20
Intl Growth	249.70	265.50	- 0.60	0.18
North American	248.50	264.70	- 1.90	0.12
Far East	310.30	331.90†	- 2.50	0.02
UK Smaller Cos	228.30	244.22†	- 0.50	0.78
European	97.34	103.20†		0.80
Japanese Growth	39.30	42.32	- 0.19	
High Income	212.20	227.00	+ 0.70	4.30
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
American & Gen	214.50	229.10	- 1.70	
European Inc	94.43	100.84	0.74	0.52
Smaller Co's Inc	166.50	175.50	- 1.10	1.44
Growth	541.50	565.30		1.68
Income & Growth #	427.50	457.30	1.70	3.96
-do- Accum #	665.40	702.50	- 1.90	3.96
Japan & Gen	71.19	75.42	0.77	
Master Portfolio	2116.00	2119.87†	- 3.00	2.02
-do- Accum	3142.56	3167.42	- 3.00	2.52
Conval Gilt	122.60	130.50†	- 0.10	7.77
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	99.71	106.30†	- 0.17	2.41
American Portfolio	118.45	125.44†	- 0.42	0.38
European Portfolio	132.38	141.37	- 0.98	0.63
High Income	51.39	51.51	+ 0.02	7.42
Japanese Portfolio	71.28	75.74†	- 0.17	
Pacific Portfolio	157.03	166.85†	- 0.27	1.42
UK Equity	96.02	102.46	- 0.13	3.18
UK Equity & Bd	56.09	59.38	- 0.11	6.47
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	738.18	749.34	+ 0.30	4.39
Fxd Int Sec	153.32	153.94	- 0.02	8.29
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	731.35	742.41	+ 8.83	4.49
Investment Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 30.21	
Fixed Int Inc	124.53	125.03	+ 0.47	9.28
Fixed Int Acc	221.84	222.72	+ 0.85	
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Buckmaster Intl	86.72	91.14		3.26
Beck Bio-Tech	43.30	46.89†	- 2.98	
Acorn Ethical Tst	187.44	196.83†		0.45
City Fin Assets	81.31	85.38	.	1.57
City Fin America	114.99	120.75		.
City Fin Intl	93.56	98.25		0.45
City Fin Japan	154.27	162.00		.
Friars Hse Cap	310.27	330.07†		2.27
Friars Hse Inc	196.89	209.24		3.61
Beckley Wrld Gth	149.57	158.50		
J Sel Inc/Gilt Inc	56.57	59.40†	+ 0.13	3.32
Shaw Utilities	57.43	61.52	- 0.17	5.92
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	58.85	62.44	- 0.15	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 233				
American Gwth	79.41	84.49	- 0.12	
Dragon Growth	73.34	78.43	- 0.42	0.35
Equity High Inc	87.80	93.81†	+ 0.22	4.30
-do- Accum	124.64	133.48	+ 0.31	4.30
Extra Income Inc	26.01	27.39†	+ 0.06	7.63
Extra Income Acc	28.18	29.68	+ 0.02	7.63
European Gwth	62.58	66.41	- 0.31	0.83
Evergreen	33.08	35.37	- 0.14	
General Equity	100.64	106.78	- 0.03	3.04
Japan Growth	53.72	57.15	- 0.18	
Pedigree Gwth	63.06	67.09	+ 0.08	2.42
Pad Sm Cos Inc	38.39	40.72	- 0.04	1.46
-do- Accum	40.55	43.14	- 0.04	1.46
Reinvested Inc #	27.15	28.88	+ 0.03	6.11
Special Sits	47.22	50.23	+ 0.04	2.25
UK & Overseas	58.91	62.58	- 0.45	0.09
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 890 000				
Balanced	67.72	70.54	+ 0.11	4.07
Capital	81.26	84.64	+ 0.15	2.32
High Income	50.88	52.99†	+ 0.11	7.15
Top 50	54.41	56.67	+ 0.03	2.15
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	191.30	199.27	+ 0.33	4.61
Long Gilt	41.99	43.70†	- 0.04	6.47
Monthly Inc Plus	48.83	50.86	+ 0.07	8.01
Preference Share	47.19	49.16†	- 1.06	8.11
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	138.52	142.21†	- 3.03	6.00
Managed Fund	77.07	80.28	- 0.05	2.97
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	51.88	54.04	+ 0.04	1.76
-do- Accum	61.32	63.88	+ 0.05	1.76
UK & General	96.25	100.26	+ 0.08	2.57
-do- Accum	124.84	130.04	+ 0.11	2.57
UK Growth	188.76	196.63	+ 0.14	1.43
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	212.70	221.56	- 0.40	0.65
Far Eastern Gth	142.69	148.64	- 0.58	0.02
Global Bond	80.76	84.13	- 0.06	5.83
Japan Growth	116.97	121.84	- 1.77	
North Amer Gth	231.67	241.32	- 1.26	
Oriental Growth	85.45	89.01	- 0.53	0.26
Worldwide Growth	74.86	77.98	- 0.27	0.10
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.53	92.53	+ 0.01	5.19
Homemakers Fund	91.71	97.56	+ 0.14	1.55
Quilter Fund	153.09	162.86	- 0.07	1.92
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	36.10	38.59	+ 0.05	3.21
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	178.30	189.70	- 0.10	1.64
Income	71.10	75.64	- 0.06	4.78
European	75.10	79.89	+ 0.02	0.74
Recovery	189.00	201.10	+ 0.60	1.74
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9404				
Equity Dist	933.70	948.30†		3.56
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
Fellowship 1st	111.20	118.20	.	1.10
Income #	283.30	301.30	+ 0.60	4.20
-do- Accum #	741.30	788.60	+ 1.50	4.20
Smaller Cos	235.30	250.30†	- 0.10	0.86
-do- Accum	292.20	310.80†	- 0.30	0.86
Gth Portfolio	101.50	107.90	+ 0.20	1.58
High Inc Port #	82.12	87.36	+ 0.09	4.35
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 470 1694				
Euro Small Cos	1697.70	1758.00	- 11.90	.
Japan Small Cos	1323.40	1349.30	- 6.00	.
UK Small Cos	2205.40	2295.30	- 74.50	2.69
US Small Cos	2137.20	2179.30	- 44.70	0.95
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	233.70	246.00†		2.93
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	164.20	174.60†	+ 0.10	1.86
UK High Inc Inc	171.80	182.70		3.74
-do- Accum	231.90	246.70		3.74
UK Pref & F I Inc	58.07	61.55†	+ 0.11	6.01
Emerald Opps	98.99	105.30	- 0.30	0.95
UK Smlr Cos #	68.87	73.28	- 0.06	0.80
Extra Income Inc	48.70	51.80	+ 0.15	8.28
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 536				
American	174.50	184.80	- 0.30	0.43
Convertibles #	22.47	23.87†	.	5.87
Equity Income #	140.20	149.00†	- 0.20	4.03
EuroFund	63.56	67.28	- 0.05	0.59
Financial	54.30	57.69	- 0.08	1.56
Growth & Inc #	284.50	302.30	- 0.20	2.89
High Dist #	175.80	186.80		4.23
International	448.40	476.48	- 1.80	0.10
Intl Cap Inc	104.70	111.80†	- 0.20	2.42
Latin American	32.89	34.95	- 0.34	
Pacific	87.05	92.49	+ 0.15	
Pref High Inc	21.64	22.99†		7.83
Tokyo	237.00	251.30	- 1.10	
UK Smaller Cos	264.60	281.10	+ 0.10	1.07
Dunedin Unit Trusts				
European Gwth	335.20	354.10	+ 0.10	1.02
New Asia	240.70	256.90	- 1.90	0.22
Japan Growth	116.10	123.50	- 0.90	
Jap Smllr Co	490.50	522.50	- 2.10	
Nth Amer	400.10	426.40†	- 0.90	0.69
UK Inc & Gth	242.60	259.80	- 0.10	2.85
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
BM Directors Dlgs	115.03	123.03	- 0.17	1.25
Growth Acc	255.93	273.17	- 2.05	0.29
Income	607.20	641.83	- 2.74	4.92
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	226.40	240.90	- 1.20	0.93
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	91.30	96.10†	- 0.24	2.01
Ethical Tst	47.99	50.52	- 0.64	0.81
Far Eastern	315.78	332.40†	- 0.60	1.47
High Income	135.31	142.43	- 0.13	5.03
UK Index Tracking	48.94	51.52	- 0.18	3.28
Intl Growth	147.00	154.74	- 0.85	0.32
North American	143.23	150.77	- 0.79	1.72
Pelican	135.98	143.14	- 0.38	3.23
Smaller Cos	71.82	75.60†	- 0.27	2.96
Special Sits	94.99	99.99	- 0.25	2.52
Tst of Inv Tsts	214.71	226.01	+ 0.13	1.19
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	235.49	250.52	+ 0.38	1.48
Smaller Cos Acc	419.67	446.46	+ 0.50	1.48
Recovery	59.44	63.23†	- 0.04	1.68
Recovery Acc	61.42	65.34†	+ 0.05	1.68
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	87.20	93.51	+ 0.03	
Fd of Inv Tsts	51.53	54.96†	+ 0.26	0.53
High Income #	37.49	40.18†	+ 0.03	11.45
Warrant	50.08	54.43	+ 0.15	
Zero Preference	42.60	45.20†	+ 0.04	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	89.86	95.59†	- 0.070	2.52
United Charities	308.00	327.60	- 0.70	2.24
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.30
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	27.64	27.72†	+ 0.02	7.21
Intl Bond	29.60	29.75	- 0.06	5.64
Income Funds				
High Income	26.04	27.34†	+ 0.04	5.64
Income Plus	127.30	135.48†	+ 0.31	4.06
Amer Eq Inc	61.50	65.27	- 0.20	0.55
European Income	49.64	52.15	- 0.07	2.58
Far East Inc	66.62	70.96	- 0.38	1.01
Global Convertible	25.61	27.24	0.05	2.56
UK Dev Gwth	30.73	32.68	+ 0.02	2.29
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	68.93	73.53	- 0.38	
American	310.30	329.70	- 1.80	0.13
Amer Spec Sits	192.90	195.46	- 1.30	
Japan Smaller Cos	38.24	40.78	- 0.19	
European	225.50	239.80	0.20	0.57
European Opps	80.16	85.24	0.18	0.02
Global Prv	30.96	32.92	- 0.16	0.34
UK Growth	120.70	128.40		1.11
Growth & Inc	172.40	183.40†	+ 0.40	2.53
Intl PEP	46.05	49.61†	- 0.02	0.98
Japan Spec Sits	95.75	101.80	- 0.40	
Japan	188.60	200.30	- 0.70	..
Managed Intl	343.60	364.60	- 1.00	0.51
Moneybuilder	67.28	71.54†	- 0.17	
Recovery	62.39	66.34	+ 0.02	1.63
South E Asia	192.80	205.00	- 0.40	1.80
Special Sits	728.00	774.10	+ 0.20	0.50
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	114.94	114.94	+ 0.01	5.30
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2790				
Balanced #	151.10	153.90	.	1.73
Inc Pfolio #	92.87	94.47†	- 0.03	3.16
Cap Pfolio	162.20	164.90	+ 0.30	0.98
General Opps	139.60	141.30		3.78
Growth Inc	35.16	35.58	- 0.02	0.95
Private Portfolio	497.40	508.40		1.08
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 390 Admin/Val 01277 690 350				
Euro Smllr Cos	153.70	162.80	+ 0.70	0.31
Emrg Asset	154.70	167.00	- 1.50	
High Income	21.27	22.94†	+ 0.03	3.81
UK Income	110.50	117.90	+ 0.30	4.24
US Smaller Cos	426.70	453.70	- 2.30	
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6600 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	76.98	81.89	- 0.58	
-do- Accum	76.98	81.89	- 0.58	...
Amer Smlr Cos	676.50	723.50	- 18.80	
-do- Accum	691.10	739.10	- 19.10	
Capital Tst	389.60	415.50	- 0.50	1.50
-do- Accum	578.60	607.00	- 0.70	1.50
Cont Smlr Cos	62.55	66.53†	- 0.40	0.42
-do- Accum	65.55	70.79†	- 0.25	0.42
Convertible	140.70	149.70†	+ 0.10	5.86
-do- Accum	304.70	324.18†	+ 0.20	5.86
Emerging Markets	72.60	78.92	- 0.53	0.30
-do- Accum	72.24	77.18	- 0.54	0.30
European	150.20	159.20†	- 0.20	0.45
-do- Accum	159.20	169.70†	- 0.20	0.45
Extra Income	384.90	409.50	+ 0.50	4.10
-do- Accum	589.00	637.20	+ 0.40	4.10
Financial	164.40	174.90	- 0.60	0.46
-do- Accum	174.70	185.80	- 0.70	0.46
Gilt Trust	64.12	66.12		6.79
-do- Accum	97.12	100.90		6.79
Health Fund Inc	265.50	283.70	- 6.30	
-do- Accum	265.50	283.70	- 6.30	
Income & Growth	224.80	238.10†	+ 0.30	4.02
-do- Accum	356.10	378.80†	+ 0.40	4.02
Intl Growth	441.90	470.90	- 3.70	...
-do- Accum	490.70	522.90	4.20	.
Japan & Gen	181.50	192.70	- 1.90	.
-do- Accum	183.30	194.70	- 1.80	
Monthly Inc #	191.60	203.80†	- 0.20	4.38
Managed Port Inc	121.30	127.70	- 0.40	1.40
-do- Accum	131.80	138.70	- 0.40	1.40
Quarterly Income #	56.96	61.17	+ 0.05	4.91
-do- Accum #	64.38	69.14	+ 0.05	4.91
Recovery	371.30	397.10	- 1.40	0.23
-do- Accum	438.30	468.80	- 1.70	0.23
UK Growth	64.09	68.18†	+ 0.06	2.98
-do- Accum	69.50	73.94†	+ 0.08	2.98
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01722 715035 Enq 01722 715834				
FP American	59.56	63.35	+ 0.07	0.34
FP Am Smlr Cos	203.20	217.30	- 1.30	.
FP Asian Growth	288.20	308.20†	- 1.60	.
FP Australian	401.80	431.10	- 4.80	
FP Equity Dist	441.40	469.50		2.51
-do- Accum	972.90	[illegible]		2.51
FP Euro Gth	283.20	301.20	- 0.50	
-do- Accum	309.80	329.50	- 0.50	
FP Intl Bond	59.38	62.83	- 0.02	4.47
FP Intl Gth Dist	38.52	41.10	- 0.07	0.08
-do- Accum	56.34	60.02	- 0.08	0.08
FP Pac Basin Acc	226.70	242.30	- 0.90	
FP Income #	57.27	61.08†	- 0.07	5.19
-do- Accum #	200.10	213.40	- 0.20	5.19
FP Jap Smlr Cos	326.60	348.30	- 1.70	
FP Monthly Dist #	74.84	79.85†	+ 0.05	5.78
FP Stlg Deposit	100.10	100.10†		5.05
FP Tokyo	86.09	91.82	- 0.22	..
FP UK Focus	41.59	44.50		2.48
FP UK Growth	191.10	203.80†		2.35
-do- Accum	385.00	410.60	- 0.20	2.35
Stewardship Dist	422.10	449.00	+ 0.50	1.44
-do- Accum	529.30	563.00	+ 0.20	1.44
Stewardship Inc Dist #	82.39	87.64	- 0.16	4.60
-do- Accum #	111.60	118.70	- 0.30	4.69
N Am Stshp Dist	121.50	129.20†	- 0.70	0.40
-do- Accum	130.50	138.80	- 0.70	0.40
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	126.70	134.70	+ 0.40	1.61
Open Cap Gth Acc	131.60	140.00	+ 0.30	0.14
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	119.10	126.70	+ 0.40	2.91
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	124.70	132.60	+ 0.50	2.91
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	120.90	128.60	+ 0.30	3.38
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	127.20	135.30	+ 0.30	3.38
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 100/7				
GANDA	282.80	298.80	+ 0.20	2.86
Cash	49.64	50.38	+ 0.01	5.28
Growth Portfolio	89.59	94.97	- 0.01	0.86
Income Portfolio	69.25	73.23	- 0.05	4.20
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	227.80	243.60†	+ 0.90	1.39
Dividend	95.61	102.30	+ 0.10	4.84
Inv Gth & Inc	245.50	262.60†	- 0.40	2.92
UK & Gen	49.65	53.10	+ 0.15	2.64
Fund of Funds	76.81	82.15	+ 0.03	
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	252.30	269.90	- 5.00	0.12
European Gth	727.40	775.80	- 1.70	0.61
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	54.02	57.37	+ 0.03	4.95
-do- Accum	59.95	63.67	+ 0.03	4.95
Far East & Gen	273.70	292.80	- 0.70	
German Growth	143.50	157.80	+ 0.10	.
High Yield #	48.19	51.98	+ 0.13	8.06
-do- Accum #	53.26	58.29	+ 0.15	8.06
Income Inc	194.10	207.60	+ 0.50	4.11
-do- Accum	218.00	233.20	+ 0.60	4.11
International	398.40	425.00	- 0.90	0.29
Intl Income	93.61	99.12†	- 0.18	2.99
Japan Growth	456.10	484.50	- 0.50	
Korean Securities	60.28	64.47	- 1.12	
Orient Acc	188.30	201.40	+ 1.90	0.17
UK General Inc	198.40	212.20	- 0.10	0.89
UK General Acc	351.20	375.70	- 0.20	0.89
UK Smlr Cos Inc	52.75	56.42		1.72
-do- Accum	59.10	63.21	+ 0.01	1.84
UK Spec Sits	105.10	112.40	- 0.20	1.15
US Growth	187.20	199.00	- 1.20	
Wrlde Spec Sits	161.30	171.60†	- 0.20	.
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	58.79	62.80	+ 0.06	1.82
Cash Trust	144.99	144.99†	+ 0.02	5.18
Practical Inv Inc #	122.61	131.13	+ 0.42	3.67
-do- Accum #	289.15	309.25	+ 1.00	3.67
UK Index	175.66	176.54	+ 0.17	3.31
UK Smaller Cos	190.58	203.83	- 0.11	0.57
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	24.50	25.39	+ 0.03	7.84
High Income	34.87	36.38	+ 0.05	5.20
UK Equity Income	154.44	165.24	- 0.02	3.06
Global Bond	29.47	30.55†	- 0.02	5.24
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	48.53	51.90	- 0.28	..
Global Managed	151.35	160.85	- 0.33	1.31
Gold & Intl Res	119.13	127.41†	+ 0.03	
Global Utilities	145.58	155.34†	- 0.35	1.26
Overseas Funds				
American	196.44	208.55†	- 0.98	1.05
European	134.41	142.58	- 0.71	0.62
Euro Sel Opps	205.25	217.93	- 0.60	
Amer Emerging	175.66	187.87	- 2.63	
Hong Kong	159.81	170.90	- 0.29	1.61
Japan	250.99	266.73	- 1.25	.
Pacific Growth	232.38	248.43†	- 1.32	...
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	256.21	256.21†	- 0.09	1.99
Long Term Bal	274.49	274.49†	- 0.13	2.76
Med Term Bal	225.62	225.62†	+ 0.32	3.01
UK Equity	295.63	295.63	+ 0.52	2.51
UK Emerging Cos	178.84	178.84†	- 0.34	1.87
American	313.43	313.43	- 0.22	0.98
Japan	138.82	138.82	- 0.28	
European	344.01	344.01	- 1.65	0.95
Index Linked Gilt	181.16	181.16†	- 0.03	2.70
Fixed Interest	171.72	171.72	- 0.11	6.53
Amer Emerging	395.67	395.67	- 5.52	
Pacific	247.37	247.37†	- 1.34	0.81
Emerging Mkts	132.00	132.00	- 0.91	0.41
Index Stral Japan	152.48	152.48	- 0.94	0.10
-do- Pacific Rim	208.21	208.21	- 0.82	1.24
-do- Cont Europe	187.85	187.85	- 0.38	1.72
Index Stral USA	183.42	183.42	- 0.14	1.73
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	118.76	126.34	- 2.06	.
Med Term Bal	107.44	114.29	+ 0.18	
Long Term Bal	123.38	131.25	- 0.06	
UK Equity	137.18	145.93	+ 0.25	
UK Emerging Cos	83.78	89.12	- 0.17	
American	145.08	154.25	- 0.11	
Japan	66.31	70.54	- 0.14	
European	142.71	151.81	- 0.73	.
Fixed Interest	88.12	93.74	- 0.06	
Index Linked Gilt	80.52	85.66	- 0.01	
Deposit	86.72	92.25	+ 0.01	
Broker Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	162.54	171.09	+ 0.20	0.59
Brwlf Gth Port Inc	74.03	78.13	+ 0.24	0.60
-do- Inc Port Inc	61.98	65.41	+ 0.21	3.50
-do- Wrlde Port	63.17	66.67†	+ 0.12	0.10
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	607.88	646.68	- 9.48	1.49
-do- Accum	686.48	730.30	- 10.70	1.49
European Inc	179.46	190.50	- 0.51	1.81
Amalgam Inc	162.98	172.74		0.34
N America Inc	417.45	444.10	- 5.30	
Far East Inc	396.45	421.76		0.10
-do- Accum	410.88	437.11		0.10
UK Dvid Inc	217.70	231.60	- 0.14	1.87
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc #	99.93	106.87†	- 0.31	4.56
UK Small Cos	68.81	73.59	+ 1.48	0.62
British Growth	66.77	71.41†	+ 0.39	3.11
American Gwth	287.03	306.97	4.46	
Japan Gwth	72.52	77.56	- 0.31	
Greater China	199.67	213.54	- 0.69	0.16
Pacific Strategy	165.38	176.86	- 0.10	
European Gwth	117.60	125.77	- 0.25	
Intl Growth	172.57	184.56	+ 1.44	
US Index (£)	17.1959	18.1188	- 0.0458	4.00
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	92.32	98.72	+ 0.67	2.15
Monthly Income	41.19	43.90†	- 0.06	6.73
MIS Unit Trust Dealing 071 895 0033				
Gvt UK Index (£)	13.7483	14.5143	- 0.0066	4.75
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	114.87	122.20	- 1.00	1.53
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 528 9688				
European	581.50	621.20†	- 0.80	0.36
Gilt & Fixed	128.80	136.60	+ 0.20	5.79
Growth Equity	423.60	452.50	- 0.40	1.73
Income Trust	145.00	154.90†	+ 0.40	4.32
International	213.70	228.30	- 0.70	
Japan Trust	130.90	139.80		
Nth American	357.70	382.10	- 1.10	
Pacific	603.10	644.30	- 4.60	
Greenfield	635.70	679.10	- 0.70	1.28
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	107.22	111.78	- 0.21	5.45
Global High Inc	100.91	104.77	- 0.15	6.41
Corporate Bond	103.19	107.12†	+ 0.22	7.23
Eqty & Bond Inc	106.95	113.71†	+ 0.24	5.28
European Growth	126.52	134.52	- 1.03	
Intl PEP Trust	70.32	74.77	- 0.27	
Equity Inc	133.24	141.67	+ 0.18	4.15
-do- Accum	193.67	205.96	+ 0.25	4.15
Recovery	392.00	416.80	2.10	2.00
-do- Accum	463.10	492.70	- 2.50	2.00
St Vinc High Inc	129.03	130.96	+ 0.30	7.46
UK Emerg Cos	315.30	335.20	- 0.20	2.19
UK Smlr Cos	407.20	434.70†		3.30
Glob Prv Tst	115.30	122.48	- 1.47	1.49
-do- Accum	117.67	125.11	- 1.51	1.49
Inc Share Tst	86.59	92.07	+ 0.09	9.48
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5850 01904 611118				
Balanced Inc	54.55	57.84†	- 0.03	3.79
Balanced Acc	58.01	61.51	- 0.03	3.79
Growth	32.53	34.49	- 0.01	1.95
Growth Acc	33.24	35.24	- 0.01	1.95
Income	30.97	32.84†	- 0.04	4.29
Income Acc	32.77	34.75	- 0.05	4.29
Accumulation Ist	24.62	26.67	- 0.04	3.07
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
High Premier	99.55	103.00†	+ 0.20	6.45
Model Pfolio	237.69	249.80	+ 0.50	2.32
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT				
Enquiries: 0645 494949 Dealing: 0645 464646				
UK Funds				
UK Enterprise	365.58	391.17	+ 1.03	0.92
Best of Britain	71.66	76.11	+ 0.04	2.41
UK Smaller Cos	157.27	169.06	+ 0.25	1.18
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	300.14	319.63†	+ 0.09	3.36
-do- Accum #	846.73	901.09	+ 0.27	3.38
High Income	336.37	361.71	- 0.23	4.83
Extra Income #	288.29	304.53†	- 0.18	5.84
Pref & Bond	40.56	50.18	+ 0.09	8.30
International				
Ethical	124.27	132.90	- 0.11	1.98
International	329.25	349.70	+ 0.12	
Global Bond	55.66	58.58†	- 0.03	5.77
Intl Port Tst	99.74	106.67†	+ 0.17	0.32
Global Tech	234.10	252.43	- 3.64	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	199.20	211.95†	- 0.25	0.17
European	618.56	655.47	+ 0.22	1.59
Euro Smlr Cos	191.82	205.15	- 0.12	2.07
European Value	95.26	101.72	- 0.08	1.24
-do- Accum	102.48	109.43	- 0.09	1.24
Japan Trust	239.94	255.19†	- 0.50	.
Japan Smllr Cos	251.76	268.35	- 0.52	.
Pacific Smllr Cos	253.50	270.07	- 0.57	.
North American	307.47	326.11†	- 0.10	
American Smaller	178.85	190.99	- 2.76	..
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Income & Growth #	157.10	166.40	- 0.10	4.99
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	110.42	125.04	+ 0.26	2.07
Capital	203.87	213.47	- 0.29	1.13
Dollar	487.89	518.88	- 7.46	
Enterprise Gth	434.98	455.48	+ 1.48	1.20
European	281.29	294.55†	- 1.70	0.29
Far East	329.04	344.54	- 2.04	
Financial	988.42	[illegible]	+ 1.86	1.93
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	26.24	27.29	+ 0.05	6.83
High Yield	107.03	112.08†	+ 0.22	3.90
Income & Growth	157.70	165.13	+ 0.22	3.20
International	300.78	314.95	- 1.50	
Japanese General	226.35	237.81	- 0.64	
Japan Tech	98.80	103.46	- 0.47	
Nat Resources	90.23	94.48	- 0.12	
Portfolio	86.83	90.71	- 0.16	1.24
Special Sits	207.30	217.07	+ 0.36	...
UK Emerging Cos	130.67	136.83	+ 0.04	0.63
US Smaller Cos	156.15	163.51†	- 1.78	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 888 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	625.50	667.60	+ 0.80	5.36
Capital	707.70	755.30		2.39
High Income #	112.00	118.50†	+ 0.20	6.35
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	602.30	637.80	- 0.19	0.35
European Gwth	146.10	155.40	- 0.20	0.01
Japan Gwth	291.10	310.20	- 0.80	
Japan Smlr Cos	37.57	40.19	- 0.11	
Asian	65.08	69.46	- 0.37	0.10
Sing & Malay Gwth	88.10	94.02	- 0.41	
Hong Kong Gwth	133.90	142.90	- 0.10	1.12
Global Bond	22.06	23.29†	- 0.03	5.40
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	182.00	182.80†	+ 0.29	3.60
Tech Index	129.40	132.70	- 0.20	2.05
THE FOOTSIE FUND	62.43	62.74†	+ 0.08	3.04
Index Funds-International				
American Index	273.30	274.70	- 0.19	1.08
Eurotrack 100	196.40	197.40	- 0.58	1.33
Japan Index	81.48	81.89	- 0.33	0.87
Tiger Index	215.70	216.80	- 1.90	0.42
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	49.30	51.14	.	0.28
General Funds				
Managed Dist	88.88	92.49†	- 0.18	1.14
Managed	91.42	95.03†	- 0.18	1.14
Buyout Child Fnd	98.99	102.90†	+ 0.20	2.08
UK Growth	69.35	72.09†	+ 0.10	1.75
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	87.49	90.95	- 0.03	6.47
Gilt & Fixed Int #	26.58	27.42†	- 0.01	8.23
UK Inc & Gth	46.69	48.53†	+ 0.10	3.12
UK Income #	365.70	380.10†	- 0.10	4.61
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	60.59	62.84	- 0.02	0.11
Amer Smlr Cos	180.90	187.30†	- 3.90	
-do- Accum	182.80	189.00†	- 4.00	
Europe Gth	237.20	246.10	- 1.80	
-do- Accum	245.80	255.90	- 1.50	
Euro Smaller Cos	46.35	48.18	- 0.16	
French Growth	98.51	102.40	- 0.30	0.33
-do- Accum	106.50	110.70	- 0.30	0.33
H Kong & China	93.49	97.18	- 0.42	1.43
Intl Growth	68.35	71.05	- 0.17	0.11
-do- Accum	69.30	72.04	- 0.17	0.11
Japan Gth	33.51	34.83†	- 0.10	
-do- Accum	33.51	34.83†	- 0.10	
Japan Smaller Cos	42.40	44.07	- 0.47	
Glob Emrg Mkts	101.60	105.60†	- 0.70	
-do- Accum	102.40	106.40†	- 0.80	
SE Asia	382.10	396.80	- 1.70	0.16
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	53.07	54.68†	- 0.09	5.27
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 261010				
Sector Value Inc #	99.39	104.90	+ 0.10	3.91
Sector Value Gwth	100.50	106.10	+ 0.20	2.21
Hy 5 Europe	98.49	103.40†	+ 1.50	2.82
Slater Gwth	152.20	160.60	- 0.60	.
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	204.70	217.70	- 5.70	
Income #	208.14	221.42†	+ 0.15	4.38
UK Growth	83.97	89.33†	- 0.20	1.92
Intl Growth	91.46	97.29	- 0.03	0.44
Ecology	103.25	109.84	- 0.40	0.98
European	201.86	214.74†	- 0.21	
Far Eastern	317.10	337.20	- 2.50	
UK Special Sits	47.91	51.10	- 0.07	.
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	99.44	102.90†	+ 0.20	7.38
Gilt Yield	117.60	124.10†		6.62
Global Income	232.80	247.70	- 0.70	3.60
High Yield	148.30	158.80†	- 0.20	5.64
-do- Accum	485.84	518.80†	- 1.00	5.64
Smllr Cos Div	61.51	65.44	.	3.79
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	152.80	162.60	- 1.70	
Asian Growth	353.60	376.20	+ 2.50	0.22
-do- Accum	415.50	442.00	+ 2.70	0.22
North American	106.20	113.00	- 0.74	0.23
European Special	127.20	135.30†	+ 0.60	1.23
European	180.90	192.40	- 1.10	0.47
-do- Accum	239.40	254.70†	- 1.30	0.47
Global Eqty Inc	120.50	127.90	- 0.20	1.60
Japan	426.40	453.60	- 1.50	
Japanese Special	247.80	263.60	- 1.20	
Smaller Cos	143.00	152.90†	0.10	1.07
UK Equity Growth	50.16	53.36	- 0.20	1.92
UK Index Inc	327.30	328.90	- 0.50	3.40
Birchan Tst	107.98	116.00	- 1.18	1.98
-do- Accum	108.40	116.60	- 1.19	1.98
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	294.81	313.63	+ 0.19	4.94
Inc & Growth Inc	83.53	87.58†	- 0.02	4.04
Smaller Cos	87.34	92.91	- 0.08	1.15
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 823				
Growth Trust	288.10	306.40†	- 0.30	1.75
High Income	110.80	117.80†	+ 0.10	4.41
International	116.70	124.10	- 0.58	0.49
European Trust	88.47	94.11	- 0.56	0.81
Japanese Trust	43.51	46.29	- 0.22	
American Trust	115.30	122.60	- 1.80	
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	450.20	477.70	+ 0.60	2.34
UK Inc/Gth	464.70	491.40	+ 0.40	3.96
UK Income	329.60	350.00	+ 0.50	5.19
UK Sm Cos	308.30	329.70		1.54
Euro Gwth	164.70	174.70	- 0.50	0.46
N Amer Gwth	119.70	127.00	+ 0.19	.
Japan Growth	66.48	70.30	- 0.29	
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	569.60	569.60	+ 0.70	2.82
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 2.00	2.82
Equity Income #	102.30	102.30†	+ 0.10	5.02
UK Tactical Allocn	64.24	64.24†	+ 0.14	4.15
European	144.90	144.90	- 0.30	1.17
Far Eastern	240.00	240.00	- 1.00	0.04
Fixed Interest	53.42	53.42†	+ 0.33	7.43
Gilt	90.69	90.69	+ 0.06	6.74
Global Growth	86.50	86.50†	- 0.26	0.45
Intl Bond	54.06	54.06	- 0.84	5.42
Japanese	77.31	77.31	- 0.20	.
North American	209.50	209.50	- 1.00	0.69
Pacific Growth	125.50	125.58	- 0.50	0.14
UK Index	74.70	74.70	+ 0.09	3.25
UK Recovery	115.60	115.60		2.08
UK Smaller Cos	182.80	182.80†	+ 0.10	1.03
US Index	81.10	81.10†	- 0.08	1.41
European Index	92.35	92.35	- 0.24	1.80
Japan Index	41.90	41.90†	- 0.19	.
Worldwide	99.78	99.78	- 0.10	1.49
LINCOLN FUND MGRS				
01452 371 500 Dealing: 01452 371 823				
Growth	54.18	57.84†	+ 0.08	2.12
Income	62.68	67.04†	+ 0.05	3.00
Far East	58.05	62.06	- 0.36	0.87
North American	131.80	140.80	- 1.10	
Global	112.00	119.70	- 0.40	0.18
European	98.08	104.70	- 0.50	0.62
Japan	109.00	118.50	- 0.50	
Intl Currency Bd	60.83	63.62	- 0.08	4.39
SE Asia	114.40	122.30	- 0.80	0.46
UK Cap Growth	100.30	107.20	- 0.10	1.64
Recovery Trust	91.68	97.53	+ 0.35	1.14
Managed	78.22	83.21	- 0.17	0.59
Cash	50.84	50.84	+ 0.01	4.43
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 913				
Balanced	396.80	422.20	+ 0.30	2.31
-do- Accum	938.40	998.30	+ 0.80	2.31
Cont Euro Gth	83.11	87.49	- 0.08	0.58
-do- Accum	89.44	94.15	- 0.06	0.58
Extra Inc	276.90	294.60	+ 3.80	4.16
-do- Accum	758.20	806.60	+ 10.70	4.16
FTSE 100 Inc	117.90	125.50	+ 0.10	2.68
FTSE 100 Acc	120.10	127.80	+ 0.10	2.68
German Gth	135.80	144.00	+ 0.60	.
-do- Accum	142.50	151.10	+ 0.70	
Growth Port	662.50	704.80	- 10.20	
-do- Accum	682.70	725.80	- 10.40	..
High Interest Inc	98.43	99.93†	+ 0.25	7.74
High Interest Acc	100.50	104.20	+ 0.30	7.74
Hi Reserve Inc #	104.60	111.30	+ 0.20	6.36
Hi Reserve Acc #	112.80	119.20	+ 0.30	6.36
Income	533.10	567.20	+ 6.30	3.42
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	16.00	3.42
Income Port	548.90	584.00	3.40	4.42
-do- Accum	608.20	648.10	- 1.80	4.42
-do- Accum	113.80	121.10	+ 1.29	.
Master Trust	67.51	71.82†	- 0.05	1.28
-do- Accum	77.95	82.93	- 0.07	1.28
Millennium Acc	93.06	98.81		2.36
N American Gwth	239.50	254.80	- 2.40	
-do- Accum	277.00	294.70	- 2.70	..
NAm Sm Co Acc	201.70	214.80	- 2.90	
-do- Accum	205.80	219.00	- 3.00	
Pacific Basin	275.00	292.60	- 0.90	0.11
-do- Accum	292.90	311.80	- 1.00	0.11
Small Cos Inc	520.80	553.40	+ 0.40	1.58
-do- Accum	714.00	751.60	+ 0.60	1.58
UK Eq Gth	162.60	173.20	+ 2.10	2.84
UK Eq Inc	125.70	133.80	+ 0.10	4.14
UK Growth	102.79	109.30†	+ 1.20	2.13
-do- Accum	128.90	137.20	+ 1.50	2.13
Worldwide Gilt	363.90	387.20	- 0.80	...
-do- Accum	537.80	572.20	- 1.30	
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 873				
American	84.76	90.81†	- 0.22	0.40
General	104.24	111.84	+ 0.07	2.80
Income	71.78	77.61		5.30
International	75.18	80.60†	- 0.06	0.40
Japan	81.43	85.81	+ 0.03	.
Tst of Inv Trusts	76.33	81.90	+ 0.41	1.00
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	614.50	643.80	- 2.20	0.34
-do- Accum	642.90	679.30	- 2.20	0.34
Amer Recovery	563.10	595.50	- 4.40	0.31
-do- Accum	649.50	686.90	- 5.10	0.31
Amer Smlr Cos	165.50	175.00	- 1.50	
-do- Accum	169.10	178.80	- 1.80	.
Australasian	203.70	215.40	- 1.30	2.49
-do- Accum	253.90	268.40	- 1.70	2.49
Capital	985.60	1043.50	- 1.20	2.82
-do- Accum	1162.70	1229.60	- 1.40	2.82
Charifund	732.90	749.30	+ 1.40	6.01
-do- Accum	3597.90	3734.90	+ 6.80	6.01
Commodity	480.20	507.80	- 3.10	0.45
-do- Accum	708.10	748.90	- 4.60	0.45
Compound Gwth	1073.20	1134.90	- 0.50	2.87
-do- Accum	1170.80	1238.00	- 0.40	2.97
Corporate Bond	24.82	24.91†	+ 0.05	7.79
Dividend	43.20	45.70		4.80
-do- Accum	191.20	202.60		4.80
Equity Income	348.60	368.60	- 0.70	5.08
-do- Accum	472.10	499.30	- 0.80	5.08
Euro & General	636.90	673.50†	- 2.30	0.92
-do- Accum	818.00	865.00†	- 2.90	0.92
Euro Dividend	81.80	86.50	- 0.40	3.54
-do- Accum	101.70	107.59	- 0.50	3.54
Extra Yield	451.10	477.00	+ 0.40	5.14
-do- Accum	1485.50	1571.10	+ 1.40	5.14
Far Eastern	392.40	415.00	- 0.10	0.89
-do- Accum	523.50	553.70		0.89
Fund of Inv Tsts	691.50	731.30	+ 2.60	1.89
-do- Accum	1327.10	1403.80	+ 5.00	1.89
General	66.70	70.50†	+ 0.10	3.90
-do- Accum	198.20	207.80†	+ 0.30	3.80
Gilt Income	80.51	80.50	- 0.03	7.30
-do- Accum	180.67	188.88	- 0.07	7.30
Gold	84.10	88.90†	- 0.10	1.60
-do- Accum	100.60	106.40†	- 0.19	1.60
High Income	31.78	33.50†		4.85
-do- Accum	135.40	143.20†	+ 0.10	4.85
Intl Growth	92.20	97.50	- 0.30	0.84
-do- Accum	162.30	171.60	- 0.50	0.84
International Inc	109.70	116.00	- 0.30	4.53
-do- Accum	171.60	181.60	- 0.50	4.53
Japan & Gen	43.10	45.50	- 0.18	
-do- Accum	46.20	48.80	- 0.10	.
Japan Smlr Cos	158.50	167.50	- 0.50	..
-do- Accum	159.60	168.70	- 0.40	
Managed Gwth	27.39	28.80	- 0.10	1.88
Managed Income	29.30	30.60†	- 0.10	4.31
Midland	63.30	66.90	- 0.50	3.33
-do- Accum	219.80	232.30	- 1.50	3.38
Pension Ex	1051.40	1077.70	+ 0.30	4.37
Recovery	47.80	50.30†	+ 0.10	2.72
-do- Accum	81.90	86.60†	+ 0.20	2.72
Second General	74.50	78.80†		3.89
-do- Accum	201.89	213.70†		3.89
Smaller Cos	74.60	78.90	- 0.40	3.12
-do- Accum	152.70	161.60	- 0.70	3.12
Treasury	25.14	25.18†	+ 0.01	5.64
Trustee	42.90	45.40	- 0.10	4.81
-do- Accum	182.40	193.10	- 0.40	4.81
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	100.34	106.74	- 0.13	1.86
Intl Bond	64.19	67.45	+ 0.15	5.36
Intl Equity Growth	86.74	92.11	- 0.08	0.84
N Amer Growth	132.84	141.16	- 0.14	0.75
Special Sits Growth	27.01	28.73	- 0.28	1.90
UK Growth	449.50	478.68	- 0.11	2.69
-do- Accum	510.02	548.95	- 0.11	2.69
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01820 825667				
Balanced Fd #	1480.60	1501.30		2.90
Income #	1009.60	1025.60†		4.00
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	163.10	166.99†		3.62
For Manulife see Canada Life				
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
M & S Inv Pfolio	174.50	179.90†	- 0.10	2.56
-do- Accum	207.10	213.50†	- 0.10	2.56
UK Sel Pfolio	152.80	157.50	- 0.10	2.57
-do- Accum	184.10	189.80	- 0.10	2.57
UK 100 Cos	112.00	112.00	- 0.10	2.86
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	72.19	76.80	+ 0.04	3.71
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	80.64	85.80†	+ 0.07	3.98
European	105.70	112.20	+ 0.20	0.43
Income #	81.19	86.19	+ 0.11	4.25
Nth American	92.53	98.73†	+ 0.16	0.28
Far East	182.60	193.80†	- 0.90	0.38
Japan	85.71	89.76	- 0.12	
Emerging Mkts	90.81	97.12	- 0.05	
Intl Growth	131.60	139.70	- 0.30	0.81
UK Growth	121.10	128.60	- 0.20	2.46
UK Smlr Co	61.44	65.22	- 0.21	1.03
Asian Opps Fd	39.16	41.89†	- 0.19	0.30
Glob Gwth PEP	61.96	65.77	- 0.15	1.33
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 631 7433				
Select Portfolio	104.70	111.40	- 0.10	..
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 487 5966				
Income	452.25	481.12	+ 0.28	4.59
Global Inc	74.91	79.69	+ 0.08	3.93
Brit Leaders	387.70	412.45	- 1.39	3.48
Intl Leaders	229.52	244.17	- 0.56	1.62
PAM Mgd Bal Gth	73.07	76.75	+ 0.18	0.61
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0800 445522				
American	261.10	275.50	- 0.40	..
-do- Accum	279.10	294.60	- 0.40	
American Opps	131.70	140.50	- 1.20	..
-do- Accum	133.40	142.30	- 1.10	.
British Blue Chip	93.75	99.51	+ 0.070	2.42
-do- Accum	119.30	126.70	+ 0.100	2.42
Cash	101.10	101.10	+ 0.100	5.50
-do- Accum *	146.80	146.80	.	5.60
Emerging Mkts	132.50	142.50†	- 0.70	0.10
-do- Accum	134.00	144.10†	- 0.70	0.10
European Growth	322.70	342.00	- 0.40	0.13
-do- Accum	350.20	371.20	- 0.20	0.13
European Income	91.80	97.26†	- 0.21	2.95
-do- Accum	131.50	139.30†	- 0.30	2.95
General	592.40	630.10	+ 1.500	1.97
-do- Accum	1204.00	1281.00	+ 4.000	1.97
Global Bond	133.20	139.90		6.17
-do- Accum	171.60	180.20		6.17
Gold & General	254.80	272.70†	- 0.40	0.33
-do- Accum	263.70	282.10†	- 0.40	0.33
Govt Securities	91.99	94.84†	+ 0.110	6.31
-do- Accum	152.80	158.70†	+ 0.200	6.31
High Yield Bd	99.24	101.80†	+ 0.200	7.39
-do- Accum	103.90	106.50†	+ 0.100	7.39
Income	181.40	192.40	+ 0.100	4.11
-do- Accum	298.60	316.80	+ 0.200	4.11
Inc Portfolio #	110.30	116.80†	+ 0.100	4.80
-do- Accum #	119.20	126.30†	+ 0.200	4.90
Intl Opps	577.20	615.70†	- 1.10	0.14
-do- Accum	778.80	830.70†	- 1.60	0.14
Japan	181.10	192.90	- 0.90	
-do- Accum	185.90	198.10	- 0.80	.
New Europe	233.80	249.40	- 0.40	0.81
-do- Accum	243.30	259.50	- 0.60	0.81
Pacific	122.50	130.70†	- 1.10	0.78
-do- Accum	132.60	140.80†	- 1.30	0.78
Recovery	425.60	454.80	- 0.70	0.57
-do- Accum	558.40	595.60	- 1.16	0.57
UK Smaller Cos	66.19	70.60	- 0.30	0.73
-do- Accum	75.68	80.73	- 0.34	0.73
Portfolio	92.83	98.43	..	2.35
-do- Accum	113.40	120.20	.	2.35
Managed Gwth	120.20	125.80†	- 0.10	1.02
Managed Inc	117.30	121.70†	..	2.87
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	153.39	163.18	- 0.08	0.15
Portfolio	78.54	83.55†	+ 0.05	1.44
UK Income Inc	88.92	94.58	- 0.22	4.80
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	67.95	71.15	- 0.16	2.88
-do- Accum	74.41	77.91	- 0.18	2.88
British Tst	101.80	106.60	.	2.37
-do- Accum	121.80	127.50	.	2.37
Corp Bond Inc	99.49	103.70	+ 0.20	6.87
-do- Accum	100.30	103.90	+ 0.20	6.87
Extra High Inc	68.73	71.97†	+ 0.07	7.35
-do- Accum	145.00	151.80†	+ 0.10	7.35
FT-SE 100 Acc	66.05	69.16†	+ 0.10	3.15
FT-SE 100 Dist	62.31	65.25†	+ 0.09	3.15
Gilt & Fxd Int	55.42	57.67†	- 0.02	6.62
-do- Accum	174.10	181.20†		6.62
High Yield	229.70	240.50	+ 0.20	7.17
-do- Accum	621.00	652.30	+ 0.50	7.17
Income	313.10	327.90	- 0.30	4.85
-do- Accum	716.60	750.30	+ 0.50	4.85
Money Market UT	49.54	49.54		4.80
-do- Accum	82.17	82.17		4.80
Monthly Income	90.72	94.99†	+ 0.10	5.18
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	127.40	136.50†	+ 0.10	1.49

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Japan Growth	54.94	58.24†	+ 0.12	.
Managed	81.47	86.67†	+ 0.11	2.03
Money Market	93.48	99.10†	+ 0.01	4.05
North American	108.60	115.00†	+ 0.60	0.39
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	115.80	123.20†		1.43
European Growth	125.00	132.50†	+ 1.00	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	91.34	98.00†	- 0.03	5.42
Income	96.35	102.50†	+ 0.10	2.59
Japan Growth	54.65	57.93†	+ 0.12	...
Managed	77.83	82.80†	+ 0.10	2.01
Money Market	86.21	91.38†	+ 0.01	4.02
North American	97.07	103.60†	+ 0.50	0.47
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	115.28	122.50†	+ 0.19	1.43
European Growth	122.30	128.70†	+ 1.00	.
Gilt & Fixed Int	83.67	88.77†	- 0.04	5.56
Income	93.96	99.96†	+ 0.08	2.56
Japan Growth	55.88	59.23†	+ 0.12	
Managed	80.55	85.68†	+ 0.10	2.02
Money Market	79.75	84.53†	.	4.12
North American	109.70	116.30†	+ 0.60	0.95
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	15.81	16.75	..	.
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Gwth	452.40	481.30†	- 4.30	...
European Gth Inc	603.00	644.40†	- 7.70	.
-do- Accum	609.50	651.40†	- 7.80	.
Intl Gwth	230.90	244.70	- 1.10	.
UK Equity Inc	218.20	229.80	+ 0.10	3.64
Do. Accum	289.80	308.20	+ 0.20	3.64
UK Ind Trcky Inc	189.10	201.80	+ 0.20	2.49
-do- Accum	230.40	245.90	+ 0.30	2.49
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	279.80	285.90	- 0.30	0.84
Japan Tracker	77.04	81.24		
Asian Tracker	230.10	240.00	- 0.90	0.14
Managed Inc	186.90	199.30†	- 0.20	1.98
Managed Acc	204.00	217.80†	- 0.20	1.98
Deposit Inc	100.01	100.01	+ 0.01	5.29
Europe	300.80	322.20	- 2.30	..
Equities	215.70	232.98	- 0.40	2.40
High Income	20.78	22.02†	+ 0.03	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 900 933				
Acumen	107.68	110.00	.	2.09
Acumen Inc	98.53	100.80		2.09
Acumen Reserve	92.89	93.81	+ 0.20	7.81
-do- Inc	72.74	73.46	+ 0.15	7.81
American Growth	71.18	72.95	- 0.48	
Equity Income #	101.80	104.50†	+ 0.10	4.69
European	93.06	94.65	- 0.25	0.49
Smaller Cos	92.86	97.32†	- 0.26	1.11
W'wide Eqty	78.63	80.40	- 0.20	
Global Bond	44.64	45.13†	..	5.87
UK Growth	110.80	113.70	.	1.64
Pacific Growth	123.50	126.80	- 0.58	0.49
Japan Growth	104.40	106.10	- 0.20	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	142.36	151.47†	- 0.27	2.87
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
0161 836 8262				
UK Growth	88.40	94.04	+ 0.04	2.42
UK Income	121.53	129.28†	+ 0.31	4.34
Higher Income	231.72	246.51†	+ 0.25	4.44
Smaller Cos	105.79	112.54	+ 0.12	1.39
International	111.30	118.49	- 0.82	1.30
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
American Dist	131.00	139.40†	- 0.40	0.10
European Dist	148.70	158.20	- 0.30	0.30
Far East Dist	206.00	219.20	- 0.80	.
Global Care Dist	86.39	91.90†	- 0.43	0.36
Oseas Dist	1208.30	1285.40	- 6.50	..
-do- Accum	1566.20	1666.30	- 8.50	
UK Dist	412.60	438.90	+ 0.50	2.13
-do- Accum	838.00	891.50	+ 1.00	2.13
UK Extra Inc Dist	93.38	99.34	+ 0.05	3.90
Wwide Dist	126.00	134.00	- 0.80	.
Wwide Inc Dist	89.04	94.72	- 0.17	1.38
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Dlg: 01277 690 260 Admin Enq: 01277 690 366				
Europe Inc	77.20	81.48	- 0.33	0.78
Fund of Funds Inc	69.53	73.38†	- 0.07	1.72
North America Inc	66.98	70.70	- 0.22	0.38
UK Equity Gth Inc	67.74	71.49	+ 0.06	2.73
-do- Accum	72.92	76.96	+ 0.07	2.73
UK General Inc	66.99	70.70	+ 0.09	2.81
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	48.06	50.63†	+ 0.02	6.60
UK Income Inc	64.74	68.33	+ 0.06	4.24
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0500 550 000 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	53.53	56.94	- 0.38	
-do- Accum	53.94	57.38	- 0.38	
Bond	123.67	131.21†	+ 0.16	5.80
Cash Income	50.33	50.33	.	5.29
-do- Accum	88.42	88.42		5.29
Distributor	100.66	107.08†	+ 0.01	3.01
European	56.11	59.69†	- 0.15	
Foundation	107.63	114.50	- 0.01	2.77
General Inc	216.80	230.31†	- 0.16	1.47
General Acc	218.68	232.61†	- 0.16	1.47
Global	384.01	408.52	- 1.15	..
Growth Inc	142.51	151.60	- 0.08	2.48
Growth Acc	144.45	153.66	- 0.08	2.48
Higher Income Inc	30.40	32.34	- 0.32	4.91
-do- Accum	36.36	38.68	- 0.37	4.91
Income	252.79	268.92†	- 3.87	3.57
Intnatl	145.38	148.35		1.66
Japan	28.75	30.58	- 0.10	...
Oriental Inc	161.41	171.71	- 0.87	0.73
-do- Accum	166.54	177.17	- 0.90	0.73
Pers Inv Gwth	37.18	39.55	- 0.08	
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
High Income #	46.47	49.17†	+ 0.18	7.31
Managed	112.40	118.90		2.47
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	142.22	149.71	+ 0.02	3.99
UK Equity	165.14	173.83	+ 0.48	2.86
UK Equity Income	146.88	154.61†	+ 0.28	3.42
UK Smaller Cos	137.77	145.02†	- 0.55	1.64
UK Equity Growth	150.62	158.55	- 0.13	3.04
UK Index Trckg	164.57	173.69	- 0.66	3.45
Intl Index Trckg	172.57	182.13	- 0.36	0.94
International	280.28	295.03	- 0.42	0.74
European	253.58	266.93	- 0.11	0.28
Pan European	167.86	176.69†	+ 0.23	1.31
Nth American	224.77	247.13	- 0.21	0.12
N Amer Smlr Cos	241.08	253.77†	- 2.16	.
Japanese	99.47	104.71†	- 0.21	
Pacific	253.12	266.44†	- 1.06	0.46
South East Asian	288.29	303.46	- 1.38	0.62
Intl Bond	137.46	144.70	- 0.28	4.21
Gilt & Convertible	106.69	112.31†	- 0.07	5.41
Property	81.42	85.70†		5.75
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	368.00	393.00	+ 0.40	0.14
-do- Accum	388.80	417.50	+ 0.50	0.14
Japan Inc	118.80	126.80	- 0.39	
Nth American Inc	130.20	138.50	+ 0.20	0.85
Worldwide Inc	181.00	194.20	+ 0.10	0.15
Hong Kong Inc	168.10	180.50	- 0.20	1.36
Swiss Equities Inc	90.88	97.38	+ 0.21	.
Wwide Bond Inc	66.62	70.70	+ 0.03	6.51
Emrging Asia Inc	213.10	232.10	- 2.20	.
-do- Accum	213.80	233.00	- 2.10	...
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.43	50.43	+ 0.01	5.88
Thailand Inc	165.60	180.60	- 2.00	1.28
New Zealand Inc	96.64	104.20	+ 0.40	2.97
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	71.51	76.64	- 0.06	1.28
Latin Am Cap Inc	66.73	71.88	- 0.86	.
UK All Sh Mkt Inc	66.42	69.53	+ 0.08	2.81
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	90.45	96.74	+ 0.13	
Global Portfolio	80.97	86.60†	- 0.58	
Global Opps	71.61	76.59	+ 0.12	
Minrls Global Gth	69.11	73.23	+ 0.14	
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	102.60	110.10	+ 0.80	
Temple Equity Inc	46.21	50.20†	+ 0.10	4.12
Henley Growth	111.30	118.40	- 0.10	0.37
Intl Growth Inc	90.94	97.26		0.82
IFS Portfolio Inc	95.18	101.80	+ 0.10	.
Premier Portfos Inc	71.54	76.51†	+ 0.15	1.38
Roxburgh Strat Gth	81.48	87.14	+ 0.13	0.28
International Strat	87.34	93.31	+ 0.16	
UFC Ind-Act Fnd	63.64	68.06	+ 0.13	..
Chartfield Port of Fds	57.00	61.85†	+ 0.10	..
Chartfield Sec	126.18	137.60†	+ 0.20	.
Lowes Intl Growth	54.79	57.87	- 0.90	..
PM UT MGRS LTD				
0171 588 3051				
Equity Gth	243.30	258.80	+ 0.10	1.20
European Gth	129.30	137.10	+ 0.20	0.85
Income & Gth #	158.70	168.60	+ 0.40	2.84
Japan Gth	117.60	125.10	- 0.40	..
Nth Amer Gth	208.90	222.20	- 1.50	
Overseas Gth	123.80	131.70	- 0.40	0.06
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 828 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	271.50	288.60†	.	2.58
-do- Accum	594.20	632.10	+ 0.10	2.58
Growth	177.80	187.50	- 0.20	2.82
Income	262.90	279.60	- 3.70	3.81
Intl Equity	291.30	309.90		0.68
-do- Accum	324.40	345.00		0.68
UK Income	72.45	77.02†	+ 0.03	3.19
UK Intl 25	92.15	98.03	- 0.04	2.10
New Europe	102.70	109.20	- 0.20	0.10
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	692.62	740.36	- 2.59	0.50
-do- Accum	695.34	743.26	- 2.61	0.50
Income	420.23	449.45	- 1.91	3.19
Wwide Recovery	459.14	491.08	- 3.30	0.50
Amer Growth Inc	306.17	328.65	- 4.44	0.01
-do- Accum	306.17	328.65	- 4.44	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	299.04	319.83	- 1.40	0.03
Far Estn Gwth Inc	315.33	337.26	- 0.48	0.06
-do- Accum	316.45	338.49	- 0.49	0.06
Euro Gwth Inc	178.18	190.20	- 0.54	0.30
-do- Accum	178.72	190.98	- 0.55	0.30
UK Growth Inc	111.15	118.88	- 0.45	2.71
-do- Accum	119.37	127.67	- 0.49	2.71
High Income	109.48	117.11†	- 0.44	3.96
Jap Gwth Inc	220.58	235.46	- 0.17	0.44
-do- Accum	220.58	235.46	- 0.17	0.44
PEP Growth	144.98	154.84	- 0.71	0.86
Asian Sir Mkts Inc	141.81	151.78	- 0.43	0.16
-do- Accum	142.25	152.14	- 0.43	0.16
Amer Smlr Co Inc	198.44	212.24	- 2.94	0.01
-do- Accum	198.44	212.24	- 2.94	0.01
Global Bond	56.06	59.69	.	5.15
UK Smaller Cos Inc	108.67	116.22†	- 0.27	1.45
-do- Accum	115.79	123.84	- 0.29	1.45
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0191 201 3927				
American	139.20	148.09	- 0.04	
European	95.58	101.68	+ 0.22	...
Global	72.60	77.23†	- 0.02	...
Pacific	65.37	69.54	+ 0.02	
UK Inc & Gth	80.05	85.16	+ 0.10	2.00
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 490				
Emerg Mkts	50.43	53.37	- 0.10	0.97
Fund of Funds Inc	196.34	207.77	+ 0.30	0.57
Fund of Funds Acc	197.72	209.23	+ 0.40	0.57
High Income #	54.06	57.21	+ 0.13	5.68
Performance	.	50.00		
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	172.86	183.89	- 0.65	1.88
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	120.90	128.30	- 0.40	1.01
Conv & Gilt	119.10	126.80	+ 0.10	5.32
European Income	88.28	93.92	- 0.17	1.00
Extra Income	180.90	192.50†	+ 0.50	4.68
-do- Accum	233.50	248.40	+ 0.70	4.68
Far East	445.10	473.60	- 4.10	
-do- Accum	454.50	483.50	- 4.30	
Global Income	29.05	30.91	+ 0.01	5.11
High Income	140.50	149.40	+ 0.20	4.44
-do- Accum	172.10	183.10	+ 0.20	4.44
Special Sits	147.30	156.70†	- 0.30	1.49
-do- Accum	163.20	173.60	- 0.40	1.49
Technology	711.80	757.20	- 12.50	
UK Blue Chip	86.49	92.01	+ 0.18	3.13
-do- Accum	99.39	105.70	+ 0.20	3.13
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4490				
Managed Tst	46.11	47.78	- 0.03	1.72
Cash Haven Inc	101.49	101.99†	+ 0.01	5.04
Cash Haven Acc	117.84	118.42†	+ 0.01	5.04
Dist Trust Inc	104.59	108.38†	+ 0.08	6.49
Dist Trust Acc	117.21	121.48†	+ 0.09	6.40
Global Growth	106.91	112.67	- 0.60	1.40
Equity Inc	90.22	95.98†	- 0.05	4.55
Equity	866.66	921.98	+ 0.33	2.37
European	271.28	281.12†	- 0.01	0.76
High Income	91.25	97.07†	+ 0.32	5.30
Intl Gth	222.62	236.83†	- 0.39	0.73
Intl Sm Co	98.43	104.71		0.84
Japanese	229.29	237.61	+ 0.31	.
Nth Amer	234.79	243.19†	- 0.58	1.27
Pacific Mkts	120.27	124.63	- 0.72	0.67
Premier Inc	47.79	49.73†	- 0.02	6.64
Sm Cos	113.96	121.23	- 3.02	1.67
Spec Sits	125.00	132.96†	+ 0.25	2.65
UK Growth	145.51	154.80	+ 0.11	2.30
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Hi Inc Inv Inc	82.14	86.37	+ 0.16	3.86
Investment Trust	111.10	116.82	- 2.56	..
UK Smaller Cos	110.60	116.30†	- 0.51	1.17
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	331.80	352.00	+ 0.40	3.53
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000				
FA America (Inc)	665.02	706.15	- 2.74	0.11
FA America (Acc)	777.75	825.84	- 3.21	0.11
FA UK Equity Inc	178.90	191.14	- 0.48	.
FA Japan	246.05	261.78	- 1.11	
FA Major UK Cos	113.16	120.63†	- 0.03	2.00
FA Smlr UK Cos	397.21	432.05	- 0.09	0.83
FA European	418.94	443.85	- 0.57	0.48
FA Amer Smllr Cos	59.18	63.21	- 0.58	..
FA Asia	57.24	61.24	- 0.18	..
FA Jap Smllr Cos	46.19	49.30	- 0.33	..
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	128.01	136.32	- 0.04	
UK Smllr Cos	117.17	123.33	- 0.08	
UK Income	117.63	123.81	- 0.32	
America	134.14	141.19	- 0.55	
Japanese	54.50	57.38	- 0.24	
European	135.04	142.14	- 0.19	
Gilt	98.63	103.81	+ 0.22	.
Deposit	89.38	94.08	+ 0.07	.
Managed	116.55	122.67	- 0.01	
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	116.84	122.77	- 0.04	
UK Smaller Cos	114.22	120.22	- 0.03	
UK Income	114.53	120.55	- 0.30	..
America	130.31	137.16	- 0.53	
Japanese	52.94	55.72	- 0.23	
European	131.33	138.23	- 0.16	
Gilt	96.31	101.37	+ 0.14	
Deposit	85.57	90.07	+ 0.01	.
Managed	108.91	114.63	+ 0.10	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	118.60	125.30	- 0.50	0.25
Pacific Basin	84.57	90.77	- 0.06	0.25
High Inc Dist	152.90	163.40	+ 0.50	4.04
Ryl Life Intl Chty	64.74	68.42	+ 0.14	4.03
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	79.16	84.34†	- 0.04	0.12
Ryl Life Intl Spec	75.21	80.01	- 0.05	.
UK Emerging Cos	149.60	161.70†	- 0.90	0.95
UK Index Trckg	193.60	205.10	+ 0.50	1.52
European	170.90	183.30	+ 0.20	0.26
Managed	180.20	193.70	- 0.20	1.02
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 754 400				
American Growth	194.90	207.30	- 0.70	1.57
European Growth	140.10	149.58	- 0.16	2.18
Far East Growth	151.20	160.90†	+ 0.30	1.68
Japan Growth	135.30	143.80	- 0.70	...
Special Sits	243.80	259.30	- 0.90	1.09
UK Growth	97.85	104.00†	+ 0.10	1.85
Trident General	280.40	300.00	- 0.30	1.43
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 8500				
Far East Inc	179.40	189.80		0.66
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	413.00	437.00	- 2.20	0.26
-do- Accum	645.30	682.90	- 3.50	0.26
Growth Inc	157.60	166.80	- 0.70	0.49
-do- Accum	161.60	171.00	- 0.70	0.49
International Inc	411.60	435.60	- 1.40	0.32
-do- Accum	567.50	600.50	- 1.90	0.32
Nth Am & Intl Inc	395.40	418.40	- 1.40	0.53
UK Gen Prog Inc	252.30	267.00	- 0.30	1.10
-do- Accum	289.00	305.80	- 0.40	1.10
UK High Inc Inc	144.50	152.90	+ 0.30	4.72
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
Asian Gwth	125.16	133.15	- 0.97	0.75
European Gwth	91.34	97.17	+ 0.19	1.00
Global Bd	80.88	84.35	+ 0.06	5.00
Japan	57.24	60.89	- 0.15	.
UK Gwth	89.75	95.47	- 0.07	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
0800 829 100				
Amer Smllr Cos	150.30	159.90	- 1.40	.
Cash	134.20	134.20†		5.26
China Dragon	64.10	68.19	- 0.10	1.31
Commodity	157.50	167.50	- 0.80	
Emerging Mkts	39.57	42.10†	- 0.28	0.23
European Gwth	240.20	255.50	- 0.40	0.26
Euro Smllr Cos	76.54	81.43	- 0.07	0.10
Exempt Income #	153.20	158.00	+ 0.20	3.29
Extra Income #	55.82	57.63	+ 0.12	6.07
Far Eastern	116.70	124.20†	- 0.10	
FE Sm Cos	48.09	51.16†	- 0.43	..
Financial Secs	275.80	293.40	+ 0.30	1.00
Gold & Exploration	117.40	124.90	- 0.90	
Growth	408.80	410.90	+ 0.40	1.73
High Income #	48.84	48.84	+ 0.13	7.59
Intl Bond	167.60	177.90	+ 0.10	6.03
ITU	238.40	253.60	+ 1.00	0.67
Japan Growth	183.60	195.20		
Japan Smaller	187.00	209.60	- 0.60	.
Korea	58.47	62.20	- 0.77	..
Masterfund	65.75	68.98†	- 0.03	0.02
Premier Eq Gth	156.10	166.10†	+ 0.20	1.98
Premier Eq Inc #	351.50	373.90†	+ 0.80	1.37
SE Asia	54.16	57.62	- 0.39	0.03
Southern Africa	60.84	64.57	- 0.42	1.26
UK & O'seas	197.10	209.70†	+ 0.20	1.48
UK Eqty Gth	79.36	84.43	+ 0.13	1.53
UK Eqty Inc #	249.50	264.40†	+ 0.50	3.50
UK Gth & Inc #	288.20	306.60	+ 0.60	2.14
UK Sm Cos	80.92	84.81	- 0.20	1.33
US Growth	208.60	221.90	- 0.20	
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Cloc: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	324.11	343.01	- 2.30	0.88
-do- Accum	357.46	378.30	- 2.54	0.88
European Gwth	91.34	96.73†	- 0.30	0.79
Euro Smllr Cos	113.40	120.61†	- 0.36	0.29
Far Eastern Gth	114.23	121.84	- 0.86	..
-do- Accum	116.44	124.19	- 0.88	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	52.07	54.85	- 0.02	7.47
Global Bond #	50.32	51.99†	- 0.08	6.84
-do- Accum #	59.95	61.95†	- 0.09	6.84
Global Emer Mkts	59.64	63.61	- 0.48	..
-do- Accum	59.69	63.67	- 0.48	
Income #	404.81	430.84	- 0.74	4.98
-do- Accum #	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 1.12	4.98
Japan Smllr Cos	483.41	515.63†	- 2.00	
-do- Accum	484.37	518.67†	- 2.00	
Japan Enterprise	70.50	75.19	- 0.32	
Pacific Gwth	161.08	171.79	- 0.57	0.51
-do- Accum	166.63	177.85	- 0.59	0.51
Portfolio	94.67	100.99	- 0.17	2.00
-do- Accum	104.51	111.47	- 0.18	2.00
Seoul	49.35	52.63†	- 0.79	
-do- Accum	49.35	52.63†	- 0.79	
Smaller Cos	313.37	334.26†	+ 0.03	0.77
Strategic Inc	101.69	107.74	- 0.08	2.25
Strategic Acc	101.09	107.74	- 0.08	2.25
Tokyo	133.73	142.64	+ 0.28	.
-do- Accum	135.08	144.08	+ 0.28	.
UK Enterprise	326.47	348.20†	- 0.16	2.27
-do- Accum	460.44	490.33†	- 0.19	2.27
UK Equity	293.67	313.48†	- 0.42	2.65
-do- Accum	594.13	633.73†	- 0.86	2.65
US Smllr Cos	223.88	238.72	- 3.54	.
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Institutional Funds				
European	302.42	303.27	+ 0.43	2.03
-do- Accum	328.52	340.71	+ 0.48	2.03
Euro Smllr Cos	37.83	39.33†	- 0.04	1.27
-do- Accum	40.70	42.31†	- 0.05	1.27
Global Equity Inc	92.53	96.36	- 0.12	1.03
Japan Smllr Cos	41.18	42.87†	- 0.15	0.11
-do- Accum	41.55	43.28†	- 0.15	0.11
Mngd Balanced	223.80	233.12	- 0.12	3.16
-do- Accum	260.94	271.81	- 0.13	3.16
Overseas Equity	224.69	234.05†	- 0.27	1.29
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Oseas Smllr Cos	153.87	160.28	- 0.53	0.91
-do- Accum	162.15	168.89	- 0.56	0.91
Pacific	286.25	298.17	- 1.54	1.36
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UK Index	180.69	188.21†	+ 0.57	3.48
-do- Accum	230.34	239.93†	+ 0.72	3.46
UK Small Cos	142.76	148.70	- 0.14	2.39
-do- Accum	156.72	163.24	- 0.16	2.39
US Smllr Cos	84.83	87.53	- 1.00	0.50
-do- Accum	86.40	89.16	- 1.02	0.50
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Equity Income	57.95	61.29	+ 0.22	2.91
Equity Trust	74.56	78.85	+ 0.25	2.82
Equity Strategy	89.72	94.35	+ 0.12	1.17
European Opps	107.59	113.78	- 0.10	0.46
UK Smaller Cos	80.90	85.55	- 0.32	0.87
Minimum Inc	99.99	102.58	+ 0.01	6.05
Japanese	83.74	88.56	+ 0.07	...
Asia Pacific	132.09	139.68	- 0.83	0.42
American	132.87	140.51	- 0.42	0.24
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
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Cash	32.95	33.95		5.261
UK General Inc	62.67	65.81†	+ 0.08	3.44
-do- Accum	82.35	87.80†	+ 0.10	3.44
Intl Income	202.40	222.48	- 0.10	1.46
-do- Accum	538.50	565.50	- 0.20	1.46
European	102.75	108.34	- 0.40	1.82
Japan	71.29	75.43	- 0.36	
American	93.49	98.92	+ 0.03	1.49
Far East	93.67	99.92	- 0.67	1.35
Ethical Inc	39.45	42.19†	- 0.08	1.72
UK Blue Chip Inc	39.29	41.96	+ 0.16	3.18
High Inc Inc	41.42	44.18		3.63
UK Global Inc	47.96	51.12	+ 0.03	1.97
Wwide Inc	83.33	88.77	+ 0.07	1.08
Europe 2000 Inc	70.45	74.92	- 0.20	1.49
Technology	154.37	164.52	- 1.69	0.87
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UK Equity	468.00	498.90	+ 0.90	2.65
American	342.10	362.80	- 2.40	0.47
Pacific	427.00	456.70	- 2.70	0.22
European	698.90	736.80	- 3.70	1.08
Worldwide	104.90	112.20	- 0.50	0.49
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
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UK Equity Inc	321.90	342.58†		2.11
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UK Sir Co Eq Inc	276.30	294.00†	- 0.50	1.15
-do- Accum	338.80	361.60†	- 0.60	1.15
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Income Plus Inc	81.30	86.79	- 0.10	3.37
European Inc	436.80	464.60	- 3.50	0.97
-do- Accum	498.20	530.10	- 0.80	0.97
Far Eastern Inc	192.10	204.30	- 0.70	0.96
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UK High Inc	207.80	221.60	+ 1.00	2.89
-do- Accum	316.80	337.90	+ 1.60	2.89
Europe Inc	471.80	503.00	- 0.20	0.49
Nth Amer Inc	316.30	337.40	- 1.30	
Global Inc	264.40	281.90	- 0.70	0.16
Global Acc	284.80	303.70	- 0.70	0.18
UK Spec Sits Inc	128.30	136.80	+ 0.40	1.61
South East Asia	251.60	268.30	- 1.70	1.41
Cash Trust Inc	100.40	100.40		5.30
UK Smllr Cos Inc	127.10	135.60	- 0.40	1.56
-do- Accum	132.40	141.20	- 0.40	1.56
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Nth American	132.70	144.90†	- 0.60	
Intl Bond & Conv	127.30	134.00	+ 0.20	6.66
Pooled Pension (£)	232.70	250.20†		1.91
Smaller Cos	118.90	123.00		0.73
UK General #	158.40	167.80	+ 0.10	2.25
Far Eastern	104.70	110.20	+ 0.10	
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Asian ‡	69.88		- 0.58	
European ‡	168.13		- 0.52	
Global Bond ‡	90.60		- 0.05	8.27
Investment Trust ‡	115.02	.	+ 0.04	0.95
Preferred Income ‡	108.00	.. †	+ 0.19	4.92
Samurai ‡	62.84		- 0.09	
Sterling Reserve ‡	100.20	†	+ 0.01	4.70
UK Growth ‡	109.78	..	+ 0.02	2.38
Tai Pan ‡	108.26	..	- 0.67	
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	115.78		+ 0.09	2.30
UK Equity Inc ‡	110.31	†	+ 0.12	4.89
Glob Gwth PEP	77.43	82.37	- 0.04	1.17
Pref Inc PEP #	101.00	107.10†		5.60
Inv Trust PEP	57.82	61.29	+ 1.29	
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
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American	468.20	495.30†	+ 0.80	
Capital	146.30	156.30	+ 0.60	1.17
Cash	101.37	101.37	+ 0.01	5.22
European	161.50	170.90†	+ 0.10	0.44
Far Eastern	165.70	175.30	- 0.40	
Growth	164.10	173.70	+ 0.90	0.83
Income #	135.60	143.50	+ 0.50	4.97
Magnum	156.20	165.90†	+ 0.80	1.17
Smllr Secs	542.80	574.40	+ 10.00	0.36
Thoroughbred	181.40	194.20†	+ 0.90	1.04
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
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Cshfld Finance	57.47	61.48	+ 0.02	7.00
Ethical	84.65	90.54	+ 0.39	0.88
European Growth	83.21	88.42†	- 0.24	1.13
Income	60.52	64.72	+ 0.07	3.88
Intl Growth	114.70	122.00	- 0.38	1.33
Managed	93.83	99.97†	+ 0.09	2.00
UK Growth	77.83	83.24	+ 0.13	1.80
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
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Standard Life Fund Mngrs Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	46.51	48.75		1.48
Global Advtg Acc	50.40	50.66		1.48
Income Advtg Inc	34.80	34.98†	+ 0.10	3.24
Income Advtg Acc	40.40	40.61	+ 0.10	3.24
UK Equity Gth Acc	96.88	102.70	+ 0.30	1.10
Premier Inc Inc	48.45	51.00†	+ 0.10	7.31
Premier Inc Acc	51.19	53.88	+ 0.10	7.31
Managed Acc	61.79	65.50		1.25
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	39.86	42.25		4.08
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	52.18	55.32		4.08
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	75.73	80.47	+ 0.20	2.18
UK Equity Gen Inc	54.73	58.16	+ 0.10	2.18
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	31.62	33.44	+ 0.10	6.70
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	370.10	401.60	- 1.10	1.32
Nth American Acc	57.55	61.15	- 0.10	
Pacific Basin	47.14	50.09	- 0.20	0.47
European Acc	60.89	64.81		0.68
Japan Acc	28.20	29.97	- 0.30	
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
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Global A (NZ$)	4.491	4.779		1.89
US Eqty (US$)	3.174	3.370		0.74
Far East Eqty (yen)	285.80	303.60		
FT Europa	153.80	163.30		0.65
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FT Japan (yen)	248.90	263.90		
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STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
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American	316.60	347.90	- 4.10	
British #	1288.70	1363.40	+ 0.70	2.98
Emrging Mkts	165.00	176.80	- 1.50	0.67
Euro Small Co	67.61	71.96	- 0.40	0.67
Japan	143.00	151.90	- 0.60	
New Pacific	447.60	478.70†	+ 0.18	1.01
-do- Accum	481.60	512.90	+ 0.17	1.01
Inv Trust Acc	302.10	320.10	+ 1.20	0.85
Mngd Equity	205.80	217.70	- 0.10	1.52
Mngd Cash	95.47	95.47	+ 0.01	5.49
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 388				
Equity	1054.00	1127.00	- 7.00	1.46
North America	193.70	207.30	- 1.70	
Far East	176.50	188.80		0.04
Wwide Bond	59.38	63.05	- 0.01	4.92
European	137.50	147.00	- 0.30	0.80
Equity Income #	104.30	111.50†		3.94
Portfolio	109.10	116.70	- 0.10	1.42
UK Leading Cos	74.62	79.59†	+ 0.08	2.53
High Inc Bond	50.43	50.50	+ 0.02	6.79
Broker Trusts				
Intl Equity	78.61	84.07†	+ 0.13	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
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Adams UT	24.40	25.96†	- 0.13	0.53
Corp Bd Gilt Inc	95.26	101.35	+ 0.16	7.39
Corp Bd & Gilt Acc	96.48	102.64	+ 0.17	7.39
European	48.95	52.08†	- 0.08	0.32
High Income	34.91	37.14	+ 0.06	4.07
Japan	36.65	38.99†	- 0.15	0.01
Managed Assets	141.35	151.18†	- 0.62	2.53
North American	44.65	47.51†	- 0.13	0.28
Smlr Co's Inc	37.39	39.78	- 0.08	1.69
Smlr Co's Acc	40.73	43.33†	- 0.10	1.69
UK Growth Inc	62.76	66.77†	+ 0.10	2.80
UK Growth Acc	70.71	75.23†	+ 0.11	2.80
UK Income	44.08	47.06†	+ 0.12	3.60
Worldwide Gwth	41.54	44.43	- 0.20	0.01
Confederation				
Asian & Oceanic Ex	33.62	34.66	- 0.19	1.50
European Exempt	99.42	102.50	- 0.08	1.44
Japan Exempt	30.98	31.93	0.05	0.04
US Exempt	95.69	98.65	0.97	1.14
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Discretionary	59.20	62.98	+ 0.08	.
Cap Protector Inc	46.72	49.70	+ 0.05	2.80
UK Income Inc	57.79	61.48	+ 0.01	3.21
Mngd Extra Inc Inc #	34.69	36.79†	+ 0.03	6.68
Mngd High Yld Inc	86.98	92.53	- 0.01	4.42
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	83.70	89.04	- 0.08	3.30
UK Smaller Cos	41.24	43.87	- 0.07	1.70
Pacific Gth Port	53.07	56.46	- 0.38	0.69
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
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American	298.60	316.01	- 4.63	.
-do- Accum	328.92	349.07	- 5.10	
Brit Growth	116.90	123.70	+ 0.21	2.02
-do- Accum	144.12	152.50	+ 0.27	2.02
European	130.17	137.75	- 0.72	0.03
-do- Accum	138.55	146.61	- 0.77	0.03
Extra Income	203.44	215.28	+ 0.44	4.13
-do- Accum	363.42	384.57	+ 0.78	4.13
Smaller Cos	91.37	96.68	+ 0.02	0.56
-do- Accum	104.25	110.32	+ 0.03	0.56
General	344.76	364.83†	+ 0.60	2.19
-do- Accum	736.88	779.78†	+ 1.27	2.19
Premier Income	51.08	53.27	+ 0.09	6.56
-do- Accum	125.06	130.27	+ 0.21	6.56
Income	362.29	383.38†	+ 0.59	3.58
-do- Accum	838.27	887.06†	+ 1.36	3.58
Pacific	448.65	475.19†	- 2.22	..
-do- Accum	471.84	499.39†	- 2.34	
International	648.14	685.88	3.39	
-do- Accum	854.01	903.72	- 4.34	
Nat Resources	207.45	219.52	- 5.87	
Spcl Opps	130.11	137.68	- 0.23	1.24
-do- Accum	169.68	179.56	- 0.30	1.24
Environmental Inc	77.74	82.26	- 0.02	1.26
Selector	73.80	78.10	+ 0.07	1.64
-do- Accum	85.34	90.31	+ 0.01	1.64
High Income	68.71	72.60†	+ 0.14	4.64
-do- Accum	90.67	95.94†	+ 0.19	4.64
Intl Income	63.06	66.73	- 0.02	5.09
-do- Accum	82.33	87.12	- 0.03	5.09
Selector Income	65.18	68.98	+ 0.10	4.25
-do- Accum	81.16	85.88	+ 0.12	4.25
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
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British	400.53	421.82	+ 0.59	2.52
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Glob Growth Inc	234.79	251.11†	- 0.28	2.25
Glob Balncd Inc	196.76	210.44	- 0.07	3.26
Value Tst Inc	143.12	153.07†	- 0.15	1.93
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
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Dresdner Eur Bd	44.84	45.70	- 0.08	5.80
European Growth	345.21	361.47	- 1.52	1.00
Exempt	850.37	879.72†	+ 1.48	3.40
Global Em Mkts	88.80	92.98	- 0.73	0.50
Japan Tst	81.15	84.97	- 0.41	.
Little Dragons	101.80	106.59	- 0.36	
Nth Amer Gwth	288.44	302.03†	- 4.08	0.50
Oriental Income #	48.86	51.16	- 0.10	3.80
Preference	129.48	135.58	+ 0.36	8.80
Tiger	309.32	323.89	- 0.74	
UK Blue Chip	74.46	77.98	- 0.04	1.90
UK Growth	648.84	679.41	+ 0.89	1.90
UK High Yield #	110.04	115.22†	+ 0.31	6.00
UK Mid-Cap	325.21	340.53	- 0.15	1.80
UK Smllr Cos	138.41	144.93	+ 0.50	0.70
UK Smlr Cos Div #	92.73	97.09†	+ 0.23	5.70
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD				
01277 690 398				
UK Equity Income #	111.15	118.24	+ 0.08	5.25
UK Equity Growth	99.92	106.30	+ 0.08	3.03
European	78.41	83.41	- 0.17	1.45
Nth American	90.64	96.43	- 0.29	0.23
Far Eastern	79.84	84.94	- 0.23	0.08
Money	71.01	71.01	+ 0.01	4.83
Fixed Interest #	78.60	83.62	- 0.02	7.63
Index Linked Gilt	70.58	75.08	- 0.01	1.41
VIRGIN DIRECT PFS LTD				
0345 959595				
Income Trust	104.04	104.94	+ 0.22	7.14
UK Index Tracking @	126.37	126.37	- 0.49	2.86
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0131 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	31.46	33.11	- 0.57	
Pacific Basin	46.10	48.52	- 0.39	
Global Bond (US$)	0.8878	0.9247	+ 0.0061	
Penny Share	47.50	50.09	- 0.13	
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 628 2444				
Challenger	95.96	99.92	+ 0.07	2.90
Short Dtd Gilt	123.40	125.10	+ 0.10	
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.7740	0.7841	+ 0.0006	
Gilt Income	51.54	53.63†	+ 0.05	6.00
Gilt Growth	76.51	79.63	+ 0.07	
Sterling Bond	49.20	51.62	+ 0.05	6.80
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 298 4000				
Intl Mgd	55.94	59.29	- 0.30	1.98
UK Stockmarket	99.99	105.30	- 0.30	3.73
Corporate Bond	46.76	48.97	+ 0.11	7.00

Source: FT Information

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■ OPERA

From Handel, who loved *strong-willed*, sexy women who use every trick in the trade to get what they want . . .

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. . . to Alban Berg, *who created the* depraved Lulu, composers have always loved their femmes fatales

THE TIMES ARTS

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The operatic world finds another darling, after seeing Elena Kelessidi star in Covent Garden's *La traviata*

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Read Benedict *Nightingale's* verdict on Eileen Atkins and the rest of the cast in *John Gabriel Borkman*

OPERA: A dangerous woman like Berg's Lulu always has to Pay the Price, says **Rodney Milnes**; plus, a new Violetta

Kiss the girls and make them cry

Female composers have never been exactly thick on the ground. Hildegard of Bingen did not, as far as I am aware, compose any operas: Judith Weir has, and with luck will persist. So the view taken of women in operatic literature has tended to be slightly one-sided. Monteverdi erected two *markers for future* generations: that pillar of human probity Penelope (1640) and Poppaea (1643), the slut who sleeps her way to the imperial throne and — to the great distress of armchair moralists ever since — gets away with it.

Interestingly, that pair of antipodes was echoed in the great fall-out of operatic activity after the French Revolution by two mutually-admiring composers: *Beethoven's* Leonore (1805), the Penelope of the revolutionary era, and some might feel a very necessary corrective to Cherubini's Medea of eight years earlier. All may take comfort from Leonore's example, and while it would be going too far to hail Medea as the heroine of an unborn feminist movement, one does sort of see her point of view. Wagner united some of these markers: in *Kundry he gives us a woman* who is a servant by day and a temptress offering unimaginable delights by night, half skivvy half slut, probably every 19th-century male's notion of the ideal woman.

> ❛ Carmen is the source of all subsequent femmes fatales ❜

There were naturally less polarised portraits of the sex in *the enlightened 18th* century: has any musician understood or loved women as well as Mozart? Handel ran him close, and not just with Cleopatra, recreated in early 20th-century cinema as the archetypal vamp. Handel loved his sorceresses, his Melissa, Alcina and Armida, strong-willed, sexy women who use every trick in the trade to ensnare tediously upright knights and paladins; they fail, but Handel gives *them* sympathetic death scenes. He was on their side.

Nevertheless, these disruptive women Pay the Price, and that has tended to be the pattern ever since. Yes, men desperately need vamps and femmes fatales, but *they must* be punished for filling that need. Fiordiligi and Dorabella who, egged on by men, are only doing what comes naturally, must be publicly humiliated. Having *fulfilled her function*, Kundry conveniently lies down and dies. Verdi's Violetta lies down and dies at some considerable length. Massenet's Manon actually asks her tenor lover *to forgive* her before she does the same. Princess Eboli, having enterprisingly slept her way through the court of Philip II and hit only one obstacle, retires defeated to a convent. Massenet's energetic courtesan Thaïs suffers even worse humilation: not only a convent, but sainthood and expiry amidst a flurry of attendant angels and top Ds.

When women threaten to destabilise whatever the accepted norms of society may be at the time, their future will be short. Bizet's Carmen (1875) is probably the immediate source of all subsequent femmes fatales. She states her principle at the centre of the opera: "above all that intoxicating word — freedom!" Freedom to live life on her own terms of openness and honesty — oh dear me, no. The fact that she has the misfortune to fall in with a mother-fixated, gratuitously violent, spoilt priest may be taken as symbol of *society's way of dealing with* such dangerous anarchism.

Pausing nervously at Strauss's Salome, who certainly gets her *man*, or part of him, and is somewhat gratuitously rubbed out at curtain-fall for her pains, we come to the greatest of all operatic femmes fatales: Berg's Lulu, the child-like waif created by Frank Wedekind, recreated so unforgettably by Louise Brooks in Pabst's movie *Pandora's Box*, and to be recreated operatically by Christine Schäfer at Glyndebourne on Monday.

RONALD GRANT ARCHIVE

Both predator and victim: Louise Brooks's unforgettable Lulu in *Pandora's Box* shoots Dr Schön — "one of the epic moments in world theatre"

Brooks's Lulu was a figure of infinite mystery: at once predator and victim, wholly innocent yet unimaginably depraved. In both play and opera, the basic facts of her life are only revealed at random, and it is useful to be reminded of them chronologically.

She is picked up off the *streets at the age of 12 by the* newspaper proprietor Dr Schön, who takes her off the hands of her pimp, possible father and/or original violator, the asthmatic Schigolch. She is brought up in the family as a sort of foster-sister to Schön's son Alwa. When she becomes inconveniently nubile, Schön farms her out to his friends while retaining his copulatory rights — to an elderly doctor, to a painter whom he supports financially. Each has a different name for her — she is not "important" *enough to have her own*.

When Schön, the only man she has ever loved, arranges a financially advantageous marriage and parades his fiancée in front of her in the theatre where she works, she has had enough, forces him to break off the engagement and marry her instead. And when, as a married woman, she seeks to live along the lines that polite society has taught her to be the *norm, Schön tries to make her* commit suicide; instead she turns the gun on him and pumps him full of lead. It is at that point that I am always tempted to stand on my seat and cheer. It is one of the epic moments in world theatre.

But she Pays the Price. After Berg's palindromic interlude, her descent is charted *mirror-wise*: via the parody of "polite society" amid procurers and financial swindlers in Paris to the garret in Whitechapel, where, to support Alwa and Schigolch, she works as a prostitute. Her clients are played by the "victims" from the first part, *and the last is Schön/Jack the* Ripper. That the only person to love Lulu for herself, and indeed selflessly, amid all these normal people should be the lesbian Countess Geschwitz is Wedekind's most subversively ironic comment — Geschwitz, too, falls victim *to the Ripper's knife* while trying to protect Lulu, having just determined to fight for women's rights.

There are two points. I do not believe that opera, literature, society even, have ever quite recovered from this devastating drama: attitudes to *the femme* fatale, to *the femme tout court*, could never be the same again. And, of course, *Lulu*, as both play and opera, is a comedy — how else could you possibly tell so revolting a story? — and should at times be extremely funny. How will the producer Graham Vick succeed? Watch this space . . .

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In full flower

TO FIND one remarkable Violetta for your double-cast run of *Traviatas* may be regarded as good fortune; to find two looks like astute planning. *Rodney Milnes writes.* Brave indeed the soprano daring to follow Angela Gheorghiu, current darling of the operatic world, but on Wednesday that world may have found another darling. She is Elena Kelessidi, born *not much more than 20 years* ago of Greek parents in Kazakhstan, where she made her debut in 1991. She then moved to Athens, where she lives and sings, as of now, that is: tomorrow the world.

La traviata
Covent Garden

Her voice is not huge, but it projects easily. The sweet vibrancy of her tone is reminiscent of Pilar Lorengar, and there are fascinating undertones giving the sound a sense of depth that makes up for her — as yet — limited range of *colour. She has all the notes*, evenly placed, up to an unwritten E-flat (or near enough). She is also as pretty as paint, tiny and with great big dark eyes: her Violetta was fragile, doomed, quite heart-rending in the last act.

Vincenzo La Scola, her Alfredo, was what Italian critics call "correct", and rather more in a second-act aria phrased with the elegance of *an Alfredo Kraus*. Elsewhere he was tested by some of the conductor Simone Young's wilfully slow tempos, which chime in with Richard Eyre's rather dreary production. Dmitri Hvorostovsky gave his best Covent Garden performance to date as Germont *père*. How curious that this young baritone should be more convincing as an imperious and cruel father-figure *than as a romantic hero.*

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Roger Norrington conducts the OAE's tenth anniversary concert

VENUE: Tomorrow at the Queen Elizabeth Hall

■ CHOICE 2

The Chilingirian Quartet launches this year's Buxton Opera Festival

VENUE: Today at the Buxton Opera House

THE TIMES ARTS

■ CHOICE 3

Edward Heath on the podium with the English Chamber Orchestra

VENUE: Tomorrow at *Salisbury Cathedral*

■ THEATRE

A lukewarm welcome greets the West End's new musical blockbuster *Martin Guerre*

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

ALMEIDA OPERA: *In association with* performers from Circus Space, Almeida Opera presents a celebration of vaudeville in the British premiere of **Variété**, David Parry conducts the Almeida Ensemble in music by Mauricio Kagel On Sunday, a three-part concert celebrates the **Composers Ensemble Songbook**, which has commissioned *more than 150 new songs over the past* five years Martyn Brabbins and Brad Cohen conduct the Composers Ensemble, with Mary Wiegold and Adey *Grummet, sopranos, and Pamela Helen* Stephen, mezzo-soprano
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404) *Variété* tonight, 8pm, *Songbook* Sunday, 5pm, 6 30pm and 8pm. Ⓢ

SOUTH BANK: A weekend of outdoor events and music begins with a performance of **Limelight** by Station *House Opera on the roof of the Queen* Elizabeth Hall (tonight-Sun, 9 45pm) Lit by the incandescent glow of limelight and roaring gas light, the performers inhabit a mysterious, giant machine in which they seem to appear and disappear On the Riverside Terrace (Sunday, 4 30pm), the Taiko drum *group* **Mugenkyo** *gives a highly visual* performance combining pulsating rhythms with dynamic movements. Meanwhile, it is returns only for tomorrow evening's tenth anniversary concert of the **Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment** (Queen Elizabeth Hall, 7.45pm) Roger Norrington conducts Haydn's *The Creation* **South Bank**, *SE1 (0171-960 4242)*. Various times and venues

ELSEWHERE

BUXTON: The Chilingirian Quartet launches this year's **Buxton Opera Festival** (Octagon, 1pm) with a programme of works by Beethoven and *Schubert. In the Opera House* (7.30pm), Handel's magic opera *Amadigi* is given by the Opera Theatre Company, Dublin; sung in English (also *on July 18, 20 and 25). Tomorrow* (7.30pm), Diethried Bernet conducts the English Northern Philharmonia in music by Weber, Beethoven and Brahms **Opera House**, Water Street (01298 72190 for information and tickets). Tonight-July 28.

SALISBURY: **Sir Edward Heath** conducts the English Chamber Orchestra and the Philharmonia Chorus. Schubert's *Unfinished Symphony* and Chopin's Piano Concert No 2 (soloist Evo Pogorelich) will be *played alongside Bruckner's Te Deum.* **Salisbury Cathedral** (01722 320 3333 for tickets). Tomorrow, 7 30pm

LONDON GALLERIES

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THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
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☐ **THE ASPERN PAPERS.** Michael Redgrave's slightly old-fashioned version of the Henry James tale of literary skulduggery. With Hannah Gordon, Daniel J Travanti, Moira Lister **Wyndhams**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736) Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 8.15pm; mats Wed, 3pm, Sat 5pm.

☐ **MARY STUART.** Superb playing by Anna Massey as Schiller's Virgin Queen. *French actress Isabelle Huppert less at* ease with the language as her rival **National** *(Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1* (0171-928 2252) Tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2 15pm *In rep.* Ⓢ

☐ **NORTHANGER ABBEY** Sarah Jane Holm plays Jane Austen's victim of the Gothic shock-horror romance, the video nasties of her day. *Matthew* Francis directs his own adaptation **Greenwich**, *Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-*858 7755) Mon-Sat, 7 45pm, mat Sat, 2 30pm. Until August 17 Ⓢ

☐ **THE ODD COUPLE**: Jack Klugman, Tony Randall play the two divorced husbands, slob and tusspot, *in a revival of Neil Simon's comedy.* **Theatre Royal**, Haymarket, SW1 *(0171-930 8800). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat* 8 15pm; mats Thurs, 3pm, and Sat, 5pm Ⓢ

☐ **RAIN SNAKES.** Fascinating play, set in Hans Christian Andersen's Copenhagen, *exploring the emotional costs of ambition* With Sian Thomas, Jason Morell, Robert David MacDonald **Young Vic**, 66 The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363) Mon-Sat, 7 45pm Until July 20 Ⓢ

◩ ***ROMEO AND JULIET***: Lucy Whybrow's Juliet is one of the better things in Adrian Noble's so-so production from last year's Stratford. **Barbican**, Silk Street EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.15pm; mat Sat, 2pm. *In rep* Ⓢ

☐ **VOYEURZ**: Lesbian band Fem 2 Fem and a cast of 18 illustrate a young girl's search to find her sexual identity in New York. Billed as a follow-up to the once-famous *nudie show, Oh! Calcutta!* **Whitehall**, Whitehall, SW1 (0171-369 1735) *Previews begin tonight, 9 15pm. Opens July 22, 9 15pm*

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (0171-369 1733) . . . ■ **Buddy**: Strand (0171-930 8800) . . ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (0171-494 5070) . . ☐ **Jolson**: Victoria Palace (0171-834 *1317)* . . ■ ***Les Misérables***: *Palace* (0171-434 0909) . . . ■ **Miss Saigon**: Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) . . ◩ **Oliver!**: Palladium (0171-494 5020)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **THE CABLE GUY** (12): Obnoxious comedy with Jim Carrey as a pathological cable television technician Director, Ben Stiller
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THE CELLULOID CLOSET (15): Absorbing documentary about the treatment of gays in mainstream movies. Directors, Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman
Ritzy (0171-737 2121) **Screen on *Baker Street*** *(0171-935 2772)* **Virgin Haymarket** (0171-839 1527)

THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME (U): Victor Hugo meets the Disney animators. A perverse, and perversely successful, mix of the *cuddly and downbeat. Directors, Gary* Trousdale and Kirk Wise
Odeon Leicester Square (01426-915 683)

FEAST OF JULY (15): Love and tragedy in late Victorian England. Turgid drama from H.E. Bates's novel, with Embeth Davidtz and Ben Chaplin. *Director, Christopher Menaul.*
Odeon Haymarket (01426-915 353)

◆ **KINGPIN** (12): Unfunny comedy about hustlers on the road, with Woody Harrelson, Randy Quaid, Bill Murray Directors, Peter and Bobby Farrelly
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THE TIT AND THE MOON (18): The sexual development of a nine-year-old boy Unexpected magic from Catalan director Bigas Luna.
MGMs: Piccadilly (0171-437 3561) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148)

CURRENT

◆ **MOONLIGHT AND VALENTINO** (15): Widow finds comfort with family, friends and a blond house painter Decent romantic drama, with Elizabeth Perkins, Kathleen Turner, Jon Bon Jovi Director, David Anspaugh
MGM Trocadero Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** sees the musical hit factory slip up for a change

A pyrrhic victory at best

Martin Guerre
Prince Edward

Give Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schönberg a weighty, harrowing tale set in some exotic clime or remote time — a 17-year police chase across strife-riven France, or a grim love-saga unfolding in war-torn Vietnam — and they can be guaranteed to make something powerful of it.

That was the conclusion many of us took from *Les Misérables* and *Miss Saigon*, and that's the one some will doubtless take from the same team's latest musical, although on Wednesday's opening night its successes struck me as more sporadic, its emotions less overwhelming, its dramatic uncertainties rather greater.

Maybe you know the outline of the story from Richard Gere's *Sommersby* or, better, the Gérard Depardieu movie *The Return of Martin Guerre*. The wimpish, half-impotent Martin leaves the wife he hates and the village that hates him, and then turns up years later, inexplicably transformed into a passionate, potent, clubbable fellow. One possibility is that a career in the army has made a man of him. Another is that Guerre is not Guerre at all.

The film kept us guessing about his identity, thereby bolstering the tension, but Boublil and Schönberg give the game away very soon. The village accepts Iain Glen's returning chevalier without demur, but his supposed wife, Bertrande, sees straight through him, and he admits he is a fraud. Thereupon, although she has been resisting a divorce out of religious principle, she instantly falls into his arms. With both of them singing that "all I know is that I want to be loving you", the implausibility of the encounter is hard to forgive, even though Schönberg couches it in his most soaring, upbeat melody.

If this seems cursorily motivated, so does Bertrande's and the fake Martin's conversion to Protestantism in a village that Boublil and Schönberg, ever-mindful of the predicament of the individual caught up in the turmoil of history, have decided is fanatically Catholic. And it is this, not any sordid quarrel about land and money, that leads to the impostor's exposure and … but I had better not reveal a denouement at once more bloody and more sentimental than in the movie.

Enough to say that Nick Ormerod's curious set — lots of half-timbering without any plaster between or houses behind — gets garishly, gruesomely wrecked by the medieval counterpart of an Ulster mob on a spree.

Declan Donnellan, who directs, produces other striking effects with a peasant chorus that looks absurdly clean and upholstered, but roars and rampages with plenty of energy. Its reception of the returning "Guerre", with everybody stomping and clattering in barnyard jubilation, is a particular triumph. As for the music — well, some of it breezes along effectively enough; the texture is often rich and the tunes are sometimes pleasing; but the subject surely demands darkness, menace and, maybe, a little dissonance.

Of the leading actors, Juliette Caton is a sweet Bertrande with a dulcet voice, but Glen, although he launches valiantly enough into his numbers, is a little less vocally exact. But that will probably not vastly trouble those with less than perfect pitch. He exudes warmth and authority and cuts an attractive, imposing figure.

You feel for him and you feel *for his fate — but not as much,* I fear, as Boublil and Schönberg probably hoped.

● *This review appeared in late editions yesterday*

DONALD COOPER

Martin Guerre (Iain Glen, centre) arrives back in his home village, to a tumultuous greeting from the assembled populace

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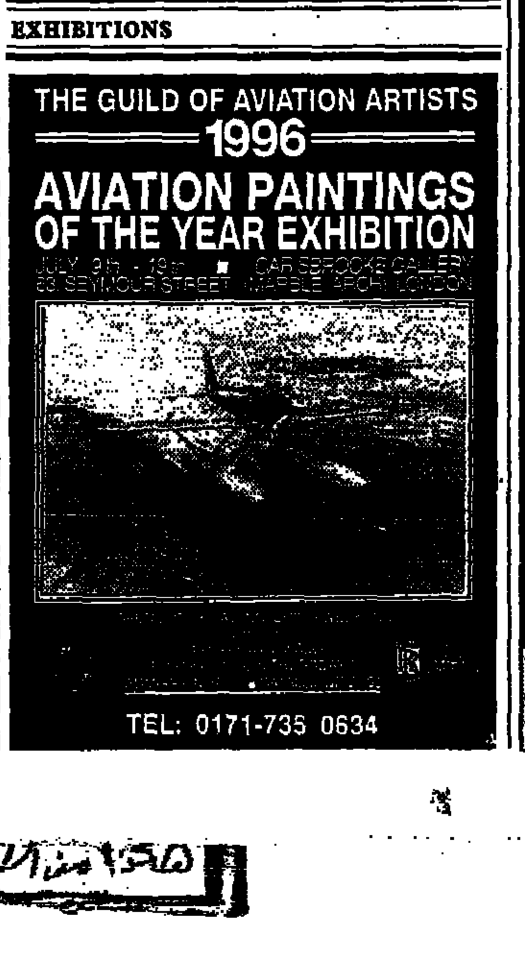

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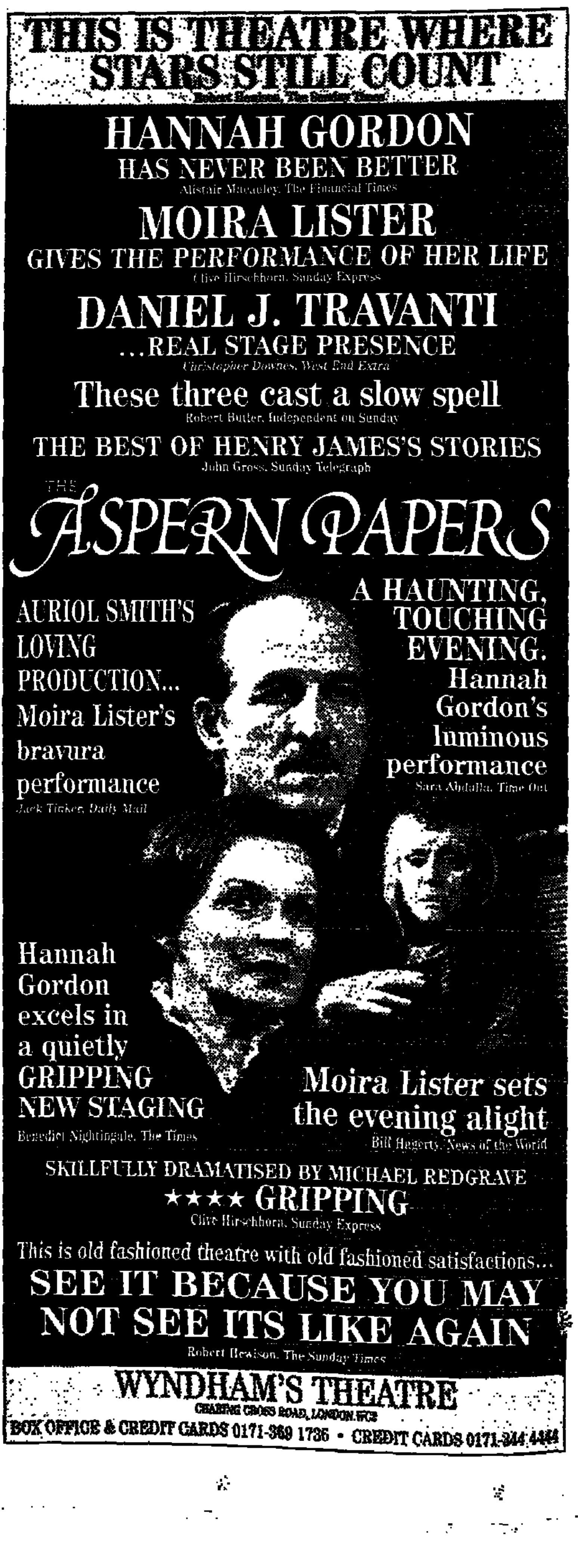

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Girl not afraid to talk it like she walks it

NEW RELEASES: If you fancy a tongue-lashing, Ani DiFranco is your woman, **David Sinclair** says

POP SINGLE

MARTIN OKASILI
Survival Technique
(WEA 0630-25227)

MARTIN OKASILI is a London-born singer and songwriter of Irish/Nigerian parentage, whose forthcoming album *The Invisible History of the Black Celt* draws its inspiration from the theory that the first Celts were, in fact, black.

His debut single, *Survival Technique*, is a bold statement of intent that draws equally on rock and soul to produce echoes of Seal at his most passionate as Okasili sings of carrying his head high in a world of trouble and travail.

POP ALBUMS

ANI DIFRANCO
Dilate
(Righteous Babe/Cooking Vinyl COOK 103)

THE 1990s will surely be remembered as the decade when women in rock finally found their voice. If the initial fuss Alanis Morissette caused by venting her feelings and using the occasional f-word has been converted into mind-boggling sales figures, that is just the tip of the iceberg.

Even so, going from the frankness of Morissette to the lacerating declamations of Ani DiFranco is like progressing from shandy to neat whisky. The 25-year-old singer-songwriter from Buffalo, New York, is nothing if not forthright about her desires. "I just happen to like apples/And I am not afraid of snakes," she sings in *Adam And Eve*, which is about as coy as it gets.

Disappointed in love more often than not, she frequently ends up lashing out with a virulent mixture of childish anger and withering scorn: "Little mister limp dick is up to his old tricks/And thought he'd call me one last time."

While such displays of indignation sometimes have a petulant ring, she sings with such compelling intensity, in a swooping voice that carries echoes of female icons from Joni to Tori, that you cannot help but be drawn in. And she is a tremendous guitarist, with a percussive way of playing that recalls the modern, rootsy touch of Ben Harper.

In America, DiFranco is a cult hero and *Dilate* is her eighth album. She will not be ignored over here for much longer.

SCREAMING TREES
Dust
(Epic 483980)

IT IS being talked up in the music press as the "rock masterpiece" of the year, and there is indeed something special about *Dust*, the eighth album by hardcore/grunge also-rans Screaming Trees.

Not heard of since they played here in 1993 to promote the aptly titled album, *Sweet Oblivion*, this garrulous quartet from Ellensburg, Washington, has spent the intervening time honing its sound into a shape that is tough enough to take on mainstream giants such as Soundgarden but vibrant and unusual enough to put them in the ring with progressive eccentrics such as the Afghan Whigs.

Producer George Drakoulias deserves credit for his part in bringing about this transformation, but the key to the album's success is the extraordinary performance throughout by singer Mark Lanegan. He has cultivated a rich, relaxed drawl that almost sounds like a croon on the desolate *Sworn and Broken*, where emotions as big as the guitar sound are counterpointed by touches of fairground organ and cello.

The lyrics may speak of pain and desperation, but there is a newfound confidence and maturity in the cascading chord steps of *Dying Days* that suggest a band reaping the benefits of a creative rebirth.

AFRO CELT SOUND SYSTEM
Volume 1 Sound Magic
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THE enthusiasm with which modern dance acts have embraced elements of "ethnic" music is not often reciprocated. But Afro Celt Sound System — an ad hoc gathering of African and Celtic musicians including James McNally, Davy Spillane and members of Baaba Maal's group — have not only joined up the dots between the African and Celtic music traditions but also fitted out the resulting hybrid with a variety of pulsating dancefloor beats, from trip-hop and trance to skittering drum 'n' bass patterns.

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EDDI READER
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SHE still lacks edge, and on cabaret set pieces such as her last single, *Town Without Pity*, the spectre of Mari Wilson looms. But Eddi Reader has a voice that skips and soars like birdsong on *Rebel Angel* or conjures a mood of poignant regret on *Semi Precious*.

She adds some regional spice on *Glasgow Star*, name-checking various streets and bus routes in a soft Scottish brogue. But the best moments are when she reaches for some jazzier flavours on the traditional *I Loved a Lad* and the Boo Hewerdine/Calum MacColl song *Butterfly Jar*, lending a welcome touch of mystery to an otherwise uncomplicated formula.

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	**Jagged Little Pill**	Alanis Morissette (Maverick)
2	**Recurring Dream — Best of**	Crowded House (Capitol)
3	**Falling Into You**	Celine Dion (Epic)
4	**Moseley Shoals**	Ocean Colour Scene (MCA)
5	**The Smurfs go Pop!**	Smurfs (EMI TV)
6	**(What's the Story) Morning Glory?**	Oasis (Creation)
7	**The Score**	Fugees (Columbia)
8	**1977**	Ash (Infectious)
9	**Older**	George Michael (Virgin)
10	**Walking Wounded**	Everything but the Girl (Virgin)

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How will you vote in the buy-election between Gary Barlow and Robbie Williams?

So close, and now so far apart: Robbie Williams and Gary Barlow (front left and right) last year, just before Take That became a four-piece

New labour v militant

It is hard to believe, but there are children young enough not to remember last year's Blur v Oasis wars. Children who will have to turn to old newsreels — well, the Video Vault on *The Chart Show* — in order to relive those heady days. Luckily enough, though, we are just about to go through the whole thing again, but with minor changes.

Here's the deal. Robbie Williams, formerly of Take That, is set to release his first solo single this month, a few weeks after Gary Barlow, formerly of Take That, released *his* debut solo single. And, in much the same way as Blur/Oasis polarised a nation, so will the Gary/Robbie battle, with those members of the public who remain undecided about whom to root for branded conscientious objectors.

And so for the players. Gary was/is the shy, pudding-like genius who only ever really looked happy when he was walking offstage at the end of a concert; a man squeezed into thongs and crowns when his very essence screams cardigan; and who looked confused or embarrassed when girls screamed at him. Robbie was his polar opposite: the brattish, charismatic, loose cannon with no real talent save for being witty, pretty and up for it.

The battle will be fought over the two singles. Robbie's is a sprightly cover of George Michael's *Freedom '90*, a choice loaded with meaning (the lyrics are Michael's plea for the public to understand that his previous teeny-bop career was much against his will, and that his solo material is what he is really like). It is a rigidly faithful version that will no doubt have an amusing video. Robbie gives good vid.

CAITLIN MORAN

Gary's offering is the insipid *Forever Love*, a self-penned slab of "maturity", that is the sound of approximately nothing happening for four minutes. It just kind of hangs around, being tasteful, and fades away from boredom. One imagines the producer saying to Gary: "When you're ready, then", and Gary replying: "I'm halfway through, actually."

Both Robbie and Gary seem to have the same objectives — to put the shrill, screaming legacy of Take That behind them and embark on a career that appeals to the Adult Market, which is far less fickle (and therefore more lucrative) than the teen market. One imagines that in this particular battle, Robbie will do better, as his song is the more commercially appealing. However, the long-term forecast would seem to suggest that Gary will be the winner. According to Robbie, Gary has been stockpiling songs since Take That's second album, and some of them are pretty hot stuff. A man who finished the first phase of his career with singles as anthemic as *Never Forget* and *Back for Good* is obviously going to be making the charts a more pleasant place for a good while to come.

However, it would be a little boring if Gary won — he is not exactly star material. The strongest emotion he manages to convey when performing is one of panic; he was always a beat behind the others when Take That started dancing, and in every photograph he looks as if he has just that second discovered that a pin has been left in the collar of his new shirt. He is unfortunate to have been born when he was. Had he been born 30 years earlier, he would have been accepted simply as a songwriter in the same vein as Leiber and Stoller or Gamble and Huff — allowed to slob around and simply write songs, rather than having to become a performer as well.

Robbie, on the other hand, is the consummate performer, but can do very little else but perform. He has spent the past two years wishing out loud for Noel Gallagher from Oasis to write him a hit — something that Noel has noticeably failed to do. Can you imagine how embarrassing it must be every time Robbie and Noel meet at a premiere? Noel absently humming at the urinals, and Robbie crouched behind him with a little tape-recorder and a hopeful look on his face. If the world was a perfect place, Gary would be writing songs for Robbie to perform. But then, they tried that before.

● Forever Love *is released by RCA.* Freedom '90 *is released by Chrysalis on July 29*

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JAZZ ALBUMS

CHICK COREA
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In some ways, Corea's music has gone full circle since 1964. His main strength — an inexhaustible improvisational imagination expressed through sparkling lucidity, tonal brilliance and an exquisite delicacy of touch — is exhibited in all its glory in his acoustic music of the 1960s and the 1990s. These qualities, however, are precisely those stifled by the hectic bombast of his 1970s *Return to Forever* period and — to many the nadir of his career — the undemanding, yuppie-friendly ear candy purveyed by his Elektric Band in the 1980s.

So the return to acoustic quartet music on the previously unreleased material on disc five comes as a considerable relief, and his stunning interplay with saxophonist Bob Berg, bassist John Patitucci and drummer Gary Novak on a selection of standards, Monk classics and Corea's own delightfully tricksy *Story* is almost worth the price of admission alone.

AZIZA MUSTAFA ZADEH
Seventh Truth
(Columbia 484238 2)

SINCE bursting on to the jazz scene in the late 1980s as a teenager, the pianist and singer Aziza Mustafa Zadeh has carved a special niche for herself with her unique blend of Azeri folk music, jazz improvisation and extraordinary soprano vocals. Her deep knowledge of and respect for the jazz tradition is tellingly filtered through a pianistic technique honed to perfection by classical training.

On CD, however, she has never quite delivered. Her previous album featured a stellar fusion cast, obscuring Zadeh's originality: this solo (plus Indian percussion) recording frequently emphasises her weaknesses rather than her considerable strengths. There are too many songs with New Age lyrics, too little of Zadeh's exhilarating piano playing, and too few of her soaring, joyously uninhibited vocal flights.

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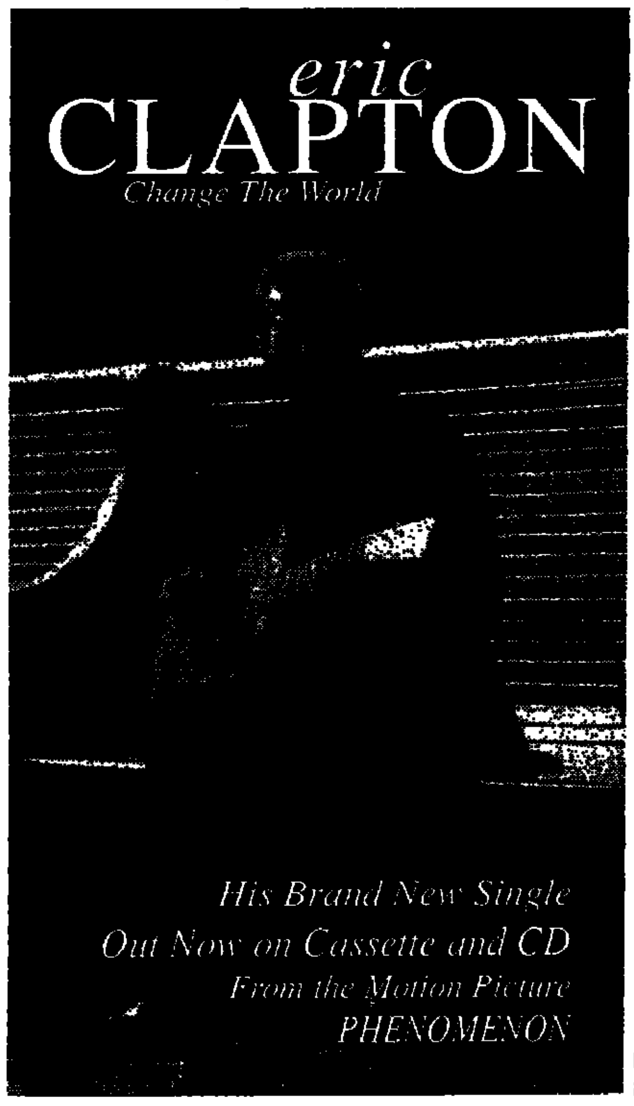

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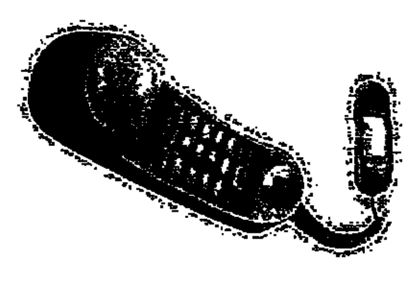

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Christopher Digby-Bell on how people are using new powers to win special help for their children

A forum for listening to the parents

Who knows best how to deal with children with special needs? Teachers say they do, until the children become too difficult and have to be excluded from mainstream schools. Local councils say they do — provided their special education budgets have not been cut. What about parents? Surely they are in the best position to judge what is best for their children? How can they make sure that their voices are heard?

Parents of the 20 per cent of children with special needs are showing themselves to be ready to fight to win better provision for their children. They have new powers — and have learnt how to use them. Since September 1994, parents who are unhappy with their council's decisions about provision for their children have been able to appeal to an independent body, the Special Educational Needs (SEN) tribunal.

Established under the Education Act 1993, the tribunal replaces the old local appeals committee made up of council representatives. A veteran of the old system says: "At appeal hearings, council officers used to refer, unashamedly, to members of the committee by their first names, leaving parents feeling marginalised and powerless." The old process was slow and often inconclusive.

The new tribunal is very different. It is made up of three members: a lawyer chairman and two members from a lay panel whose members will have experience of special needs, of local government or of both. Cases are being heard within six months and the tribunal's orders are binding on the council.

The 1993 Act also introduced a code of practice designed to give parents more say in their children's schooling. The code emphasises co-operation and partnership.

However, experience is showing that many parents want power, not partnership, and are using the code and the new appeals system to confront councils head-on. As one mother said: "My council wanted a partnership with me only on terms that I agreed with their view of what was best for my son."

Early estimates of 700 cases a year have been proved wrong. More than 1,900 cases were registered in the first 18 months alone. Last September applications peaked at 50 a week. About 30 per cent of cases are withdrawn, often just before the hearing, suggesting that parents may be using the threat of tribunal proceedings to force councils to accept negotiated settlements.

Of the 860 or so cases that have been heard, parents have been successful (either wholly or in part) in more than 60 per cent. This is a remarkably high success rate and confounds early predictions that suggested parents would not be able to cope and would be overwhelmed by the arguments of well-drilled, well-resourced, professionally trained council appeals teams

How have parents been able to achieve such success? One explanation is that the tribunal has been designed to be user-friendly. Under the leadership of its president, Trevor Aldridge, QC, the tribunal attempts to make its proceedings as informal and non-confrontational as possible.

Another explanation is that councils have been slow to come to terms with the new system. Councils are feeling the pressure and they do not like losing, an obvious sign of this being their reluctance to agree to hearings being held in public.

Will parents be able to maintain this level of success? Councils are turning to specialist advocates to present their cases and to examine parents' evidence. The probability is that the SEN tribunal will become like other tribunals, where hearings have become adversarial battles dominated by lawyers. This will be a problem for parents because legal aid is not available and there is normally no award of costs.

In future, councils will keep cases under closer review. They will start to question the quality of the reports and expert opinions on which they rely. As these reports are usually provided by local or health authority-employed experts, their opinions are open to challenge on the ground that they are not truly independent.

For example, educational psychologists carry out assessments as employees of the local authority. As professionals, they have a duty to act in the best interests of their child client but, as employees of the authority, they have a duty to act on their employer's instructions to work within the special-needs budget — which is, in most cases, shrinking.

This creates a hopeless conflict of interests for the professional and produces reports that are tailored not to the child's needs but to whatever council provision is available.

The new system has one other big flaw: although the tribunal's orders bind the council, the tribunal itself has no powers of enforcement. So parents have to look elsewhere for tougher remedies. They can complain to the council and then to the Secretary of State. If there is maladministration, they can complain to the Local Government Ombudsman. A final resort is to litigation for judicial review for breach of statutory duty or possibly negligence.

But does it really have to be such a battle? As a parent who successfully appealed to the tribunal said: "My son has won his case — but he has lost a year of the speech therapy he needed."

● *The author is a partner of City law firm Frere Cholmeley Bischoff and legal adviser to the Down's Syndrome Association.*

NEWSTEAM

Harriet Jackson, aged four: at the centre of a "win or bust" struggle with an education authority

A victory bouquet for Harriet

This child's parents fought a three-year battle for the school they thought best for her

HARRIET JACKSON'S parents waged a three-year battle to force Staffordshire Education Authority to pay her fees at Birmingham's National Institute of Conductive Education. By the time they tasted victory in the High Court last Friday, they were facing bankruptcy, *John O'Leary writes.*

The case is believed to be the first to run the full course through the new special educational needs tribunal and the legal system. The outcome may encourage parents in a similar position, but it shows how high the stakes can be.

Harriet, who is four, has spastic quadriplegic cerebral palsy. Nicholas Bowen, who put her case in the High Court, described her as "a child intellectually complete, locked in a body which will not work".

Phil and Charlotte Jackson, who own a computer shop in Lichfield, Staffordshire, exhausted their savings sending their daughter to the institute from the age of two. She made "tremendous progress" with methods developed at the Peto Institute, in Budapest, and staff held out the prospect of an eventual transfer to mainstream schooling. Harriet was said to be both happy and popular at the institute. She was chosen to present a bouquet to the Princess of Wales at an opening ceremony last year.

However, with fees of £13,000 in the nursery, rising to £18,000 for older age groups, it was going to be possible to keep Harriet at the institute only if Staffordshire picked up the bill. And the local authority argued that suitable provision was available (at half the cost) at one of its own nurseries.

The Jacksons took their case to the tribunal and won the right to send Harriet to the school of their choice. But the authority appealed, arguing that the money would be better spent in the county.

Last week Mr Justice Collins dismissed the authority's case as "pretty hopeless" and awarded costs to the Jacksons on an indemnity basis, ensuring that they will recoup the thousands of pounds they incurred in legal fees, as well as securing Harriet's place. A defeat would have meant bankruptcy for the family, despite contributions from sympathisers.

Mrs Jackson said: "It is a great victory for all parents of special-needs children who will be going to the tribunal. We have been through three years of heartache and hell with the county council."

Short of funds to fence out the criminals

David Charter *identifies a problem with school security*

A fence would help to keep the drug users and vandals out of the grounds of St Bernadette's Primary School. It might have deterred the two flashers who exposed themselves to children, or the intruder caught stealing from the staffroom at the school in Stockport, Cheshire.

But a two-year campaign for funding for a fence ended in disappointment when the Department for Education and Employment announced borrowing approvals earlier this year. Stockport council applied for £3 million, including £20,000 for a fence at St Bernadette's. In all, it was allowed £46,000.

Max Hunt, Stockport's chief education officer, says: "The department does not hand out money, it hands out approvals to borrow. The Government strictly controls capital expenditure because of its importance in the public sector borrowing requirement. Our ceiling of £46,000 does not go very far around our 136 schools."

The machete attack on children at their teddy bears' picnic in Wolverhampton on Monday showed again how vulnerable schools are. It came after the Government had accepted all 22 recommendations of its working party on school security, set up after the fatal stabbing in December of Philip Lawrence, the London head teacher.

These included new guidance on the design of schools, as well as alterations which could be made to existing buildings. But, as St Bernadette's has found, changes can be hard to make when competition for funds is fierce.

Sinfin Community School, in Derby, was designed to be accessible. It is next to a shopping centre and has walkways allowing people to wander through the grounds.

Pat Collings, the head teacher, has just won a bid for funds to help to secure some of her school's 38 external doors.

"Some sites were designed to be very open," she says. "There needs to be some priority funding for schools such as ours. I don't think any of us can prevent the occasional madman, but this is about assuring the best protection we can."

Robin Squire, the Schools Minister, has promised "substantial new money" for security. But this week he refused to say how much, or to bring forward the funding from next April. The government working party meets on Monday and will renew calls for an immediate release of money.

Meanwhile St Bernadette's waits to hear whether it will get any cash in competitive bidding from another scheme, the Schools Renewal Challenge Fund. The cost of daily vandalism continues to mount. Last week 100 tiles were stolen from the roof, three windows broken and graffiti painted on walls.

Father Stephen Dwyer, the chairman of governors, says: "I am at the end of my tether. I am scandalised that the DFEE cannot make money available."

A spokeswoman for the department says: "We look at all the bids against the evidence the local authority has put forward and the other projects put forward in other areas. The choice depends on how much money is available and not everyone can be successful."

BARRY GREENWWOD

Father Dwyer with the head teacher of St Bernadette's

France's flight into the future

John O'Leary reports on the spectacular venue for an international educational conference

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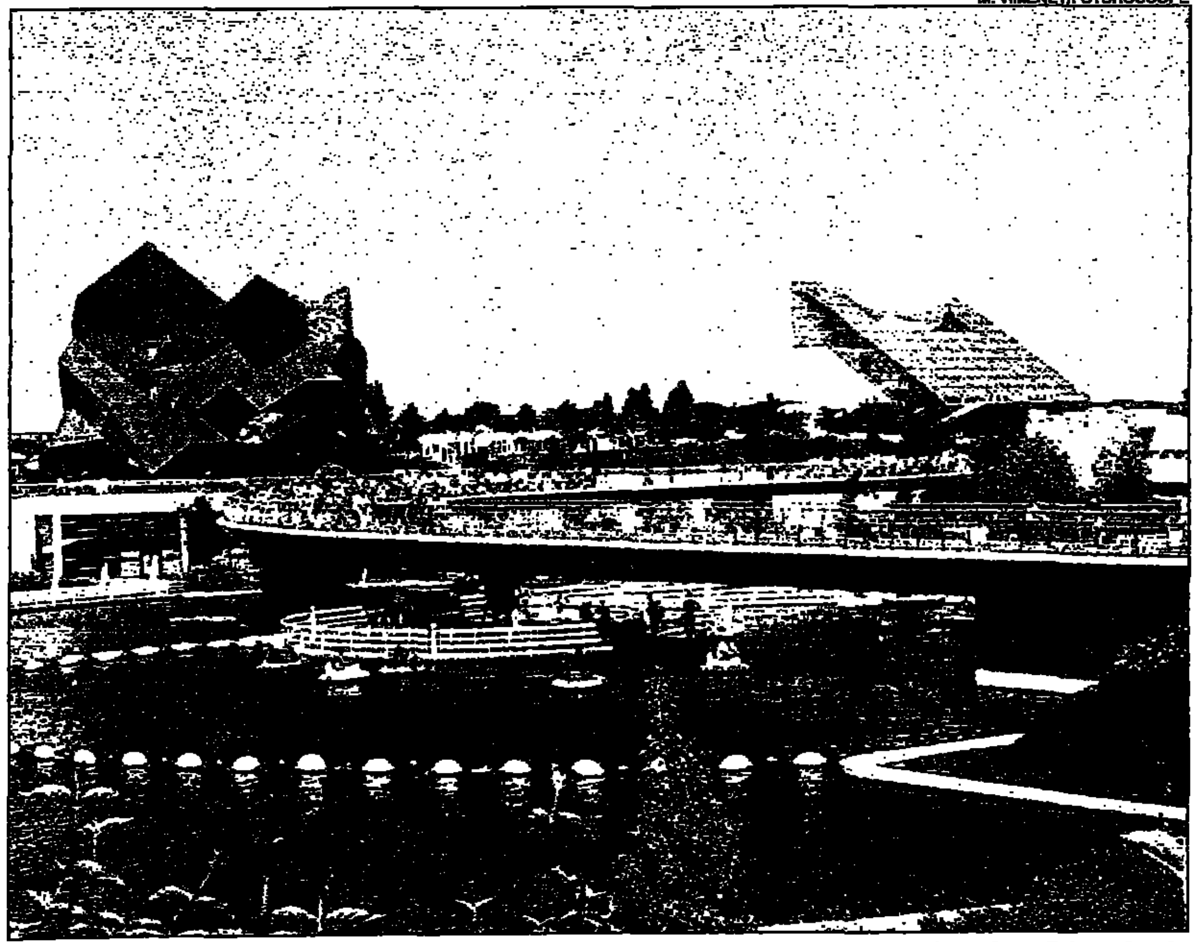

The Fururoscope theme park near Poitiers is an entertainment attraction second only to Euro Disneyland

This week saw Europe's main contribution to the Year of Lifelong Learning, a three-day international conference with 130 presentations. Such gatherings seldom have a lasting impact but, whatever the standard of debate, the venue must have made an impression on delegates. The meeting took place at the Futuroscope theme park, near Poitiers in France, an entertainment attraction second only to Euro Disneyland. Bordeaux-bound holidaymakers may have noticed the striking collection of futuristic buildings from the autoroute. Growing numbers of British tourists are stopping to see the series of cinema-based pavilions.

But the casual visitor may not be aware of the full extent of the enterprise, which has no parallel in Britain. Alongside the white-knuckle rides and stunning cinematic images are a university campus, a school and a conference and communications centre, as well as a burgeoning industrial estate of high-tech companies. The aim is to produce a concentration of technology that will be a creative force and bring economic benefits to the region.

The presence of the European Distance Education Network's conference is no accident. The opening was performed by René Monory, president of the French Senate and the inspiration and moving force behind Futuroscope. M Monory, who is also President of the Conseil-Général for the Vienne region, had the idea of creating a futuristic project to compete with the attractions of Paris in 1983.

By 1987, the beetroot fields had begun to give way to space-age designs. While children and their families have been drawn in ever-increasing numbers to the park of the moving image, communications facilities unrivalled in France have had the desired effect on inward investment by private companies and educational institutions. M Monory is also an enthusiastic European — hence his involvement in this week's conference — and the project has been the catalyst for a series of twinning arrangements.

In term time, the theme park is dotted with parties of schoolchildren carrying out tasks set by the education unit. Futuroscope has become a popular venue for primary school pupils on study weeks since most of the park's pavilions can be approached on more than one level: often spectacular but also technologically advanced.

Where London's Museum of the Moving Image is primarily historical, Futuroscope looks ahead. It boasts a 360-degree screen, 3D and exceptionally clear film from space, as well as stomach-churning special effects.

Other children and older students benefit from the project through the CNED, the French equivalent of the Open University, which predates its British counterpart but has never developed to the same extent. Even the *lycée* has a futuristic feel to it, with a electronically moveable canopy to protect the pupils from the elements.

Whether the fusing of education, technology and entertainment really works is open to question, but the vision behind the project can only be admired. It is hard to imagine a British region attempting a development of such scale and ambition.

Ian Pollock

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Resources and the disabled

Regina v Gloucestershire County Council and Another, Ex parte Barry
Regina v Lancashire County Council, Ex parte Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation and Another

Before Lord Justice Hirst, Lord Justice Swinton Thomas and Sir John Balcombe

[Judgment June 27]

A local authority was not entitled to take into account the availability or otherwise of resources when carrying out its duty under section 2(1) of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 of making a decision as to whether it was satisfied in the case of a disabled person that it was necessary in order to meet the needs of that person to make arrangements for all or any of the matters set out in the section.

Where a local authority had identified such needs of a disabled person, resources might be relevant in considering how the needs might be met.

The Court of Appeal so held: (i) allowing, Lord Justice Hirst dissenting, an appeal by Michael Barry against part of a decision of the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice McCowan and Mr Justice Waller) (*The Times* June 21, 1995) granting judicial review of decisions by Gloucestershire County Council withdrawing services under section 2 of the 1970 Act but refusing his application for an additional declaration that in assessing or reassessing the needs of a disabled person under that Act a local authority was not entitled to take account of the resources available to it; and

(ii) dismissing unanimously an appeal by the Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation ("RADAR") and Beryl Gilpin against the dismissal by Mr Justice Hidden on July 5, 1995 of an application by Mrs Gilpin's mother, Mrs Annie Ingham deceased, for judicial review of decisions of Lancashire County Council on October 5, 1994 to review Mrs Ingham's care arrangements and on December 9, 1994 that her needs for 24-hour care could best be met by the provision of residential care.

Mr Richard Gordon, QC and Mr Alan Maclean for Barry; Miss Cherie Booth, QC and Miss Helen Mountfield for RADAR and Ingham; Mr Patrick Eccles, QC and Mr Christopher Fraser for Gloucestershire County Council; Miss Genevra Caws QC and Mr Clive Lewis for Lancashire County Council; Mr Nigel Pleming, QC and Mr Stephen Kovats for the Secretary of State for Health, the second respondent in Barry's application.

LORD JUSTICE SWINTON THOMAS said the words of section 2 had to be construed according to their natural meaning. "Need" was an ordinary English word meaning a basic or essential requirement. A need was a question of assessment and judgment, not discretion. Whether or not a disabled person had a need had to be assessed in precisely the same way as an assessment as to whether he was disabled.

A clear distinction was be drawn in the case of a disabled person between a need and what it might be desirable for the disabled person to have. There was a duty to meet the need under section 2 of the 1970 Act.

There was a power to provide that which was desirable under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948 and section 47(1) of the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990.

In his Lordship's judgment, an individual's need was something which could be assessed or in respect of which a judgment could be formed.

It was difficult indeed to see how a third party's resources or the needs of others could be relevant to making such an assessment or making such a judgment in relation to a disabled person. Once the need was identified, it became a duty to make the provision that was necessary to meet that need.

Resources could not, in his Lordship's judgment, be relevant to a judgment that provision was necessary to meet the needs of the disabled person.

If it were otherwise a local authority with no money in the relevant budget would make an assessment or judgment that a disabled person had a need which it was necessary to meet but that it as not required to meet it because of shortage of funds, resulting in an unmet need.

The concept of an unmet need seemed to his Lordship to fly in the face of the plain language of section 2 of the 1970 Act.

Once the assessment had been made then resources might well be relevant to the manner in which provision was made to meet the need.

Mrs Ingham's needs were identified as being 24-hour care. Lancashire's duty was to meet that need. It could either do so by making arrangements for her to go into a residential home or by providing 24-hour care in her own home. In making that decision it was entitled to take into account the alternative costs.

Once Gloucestershire had identified Mr Barry's need for cleaning and laundry service, the manner in which that need was met, for example by someone doing his laundry at home in a washing machine or by being taken away was within the discretion of the authority and costs would be a relevant consideration.

The local authority was not entitled to take into account the availability or otherwise of resources when carrying out the duty under section 2(1) of the 1970 Act of making a decision as to whether it was satisfied in the case of a disabled person that it was necessary in order to meet the needs of that person to make arrangements for all or any of the matters set out in the section.

A disabled person could be reassessed after arrangements had been made to provide services, but that assessment could not be based solely on an absence of resources to meet the person's need.

In Mrs Ingham's case his Lordship was not persuaded that Lancashire had behaved in any way improperly or unlawfully in carrying out its duty under the 1970 Act. But in Mr Barry's case the services he had been assessed as needing had been unlawfully withdrawn solely on financial grounds.

Sir John Balcombe agreed and Lord Justice Hirst delivered a judgment dissenting in part.

Solicitors: Mr Stephen Cragg, Holborn; Mr Robert Wotherspoon, Gloucester; Mr Gordon Johnson, Preston; Solicitor, Department of Health.

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Wallace Smith Trust Co Ltd (in Liquidation) v Deloitte Haskins & Sells (a Firm) and Another

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Simon Brown and Lord Justice Waite

[Judgment July 10]

In deciding whether to order a party to proceedings to produce any documents for inspection by the other party under Order 24, rule 13 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, the court should examine the facts of the individual case and, in particular, should consider (a) the central issues in the action (b) the nature of the documents and (c) the information which the documents were likely to contain.

If the party seeking discovery showed that the production of the documents might be necessary for the fair disposal of the action, an order should normally only be refused after the court had examined the documents and considered them in the light of the material already in the applicant's possession.

The Court of Appeal so stated when, inter alia, allowing an appeal by the liquidators of Wallace Smith Trust Co Ltd (in liquidation) from the dismissal by Mr Justice Carnwath on December 21, 1994 of their application for discovery on the ground that he was not satisfied that the production of the documents was necessary for the fair disposal of the cause.

The Court of Appeal dismissed a cross-appeal by the defendants, Deloitte Haskins & Sells and Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, from the decision of the judge that the documents were not protected from production by the rules of public interest immunity.

Until 1991 Wallace Smith Trust Co Ltd (WSTC) carried on business as a commercial bank authorised and regulated by the Bank of England and whose auditors were the first defendants which subsequently merged with the second defendants. When the bank ceased business after going into liquidation its affairs were investigated by the Serious Fraud Office.

A former partner of Deloitte, Mr Gareth Davies, and a manager employed by the firm, Mr W. Ginsberg, were interviewed by the SFO on February 13, 1992 in connection with the WSTC investigation.

The interviews were recorded and tapes of the interviews together with transcripts were subsequently prepared.

Writs in the present action were issued with a statement of claim which alleged that the two firms as auditors were in breach of their duties in contract and in tort in failing to detect that the business of WSTC was being conducted fraudulently.

The solicitors for the liquidators sought discovery and production of a number of documents including those which formed the subject matter of the appeal.

The solicitors for the defendant firms claimed public interest immunity for the tapes and transcripts of the interviews with Mr Davies and Mr Ginsberg. The liquidators then made an application seeking production for inspection of the documents for which public interest immunity was claimed.

Mr Mark Hapgood, QC and Mr Philip Sales for the liquidators; Mr Ian Croxford, QC and Mr Andrew Onslow for the defendant firms.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that the question was whether, subject to any immunity from production, the test for discovery laid down in Order 24, rule 13 had been satisfied.

His Lordship considered the correct approach to be:

1 The general principles underlying discovery remained those contained in *Compagnie Financiere et Commerciale de Pacifique v Peruvian Guano Co* ((1882) 11 QBD 55). His Lordship expected, however, that those principles and the present practice might have to be re-examined in the near future. The scope of discovery in a complex action imposed obligations with regard to the examination and identification of documents which were often extremely expensive properly to fulfil.

2 However, in a case where the court was asked to make an order for the production of documents for inspection, it was clear that an order was not to be made unless the court "is of opinion that the order is necessary either for disposing fairly of the cause or matter or for saving costs" [see Order 24, rule 13].

3 It was for the party making the application for production to satisfy the court that the test of necessity was satisfied: see *Ventouris v Mountain* ([1991] 1 WLR 607, 622).

4 In considering the application the court should bear in mind the words of Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls in *Taylor v Anderton, Police Complaints Authority intervening* ([1995] 1 WLR 447, 462) that "the purpose of the rule is to ensure that one party does not enjoy an unfair advantage or suffer an unfair disadvantage in the litigation as the result of a document not being produced for inspection".

5 In addition the court was entitled to take into account whether the documents were confidential and, if so, whether the necessary information could be obtained by some other means: see *Science Research Council v Nasse* ([1980] AC 1028, 1065-1066) per Lord Wilberforce.

6 The court should examine the facts of the individual case and in particular should consider (a) the central issues in the action; (b) the nature of the documents; and (c) the information which the documents was likely to contain. That was the approach adopted by Mrs Justice Arden in *Kaufmann v Credit Lyonnais Bank* (*The Times* February 1, 1995).

7 The judge had a discretion whether or not to inspect the documents. But if the party seeking discovery showed that the production of the documents might be necessary for the fair disposal of the action an order should normally only be refused after the court had examined the documents and considered them in the light of the material already in the applicant's possession.

Indeed, as was apparent from the speech of Lord Wilberforce in *Nasse* the court would need to inspect the documents where relevance was admitted but it was asserted that the documents were confidential.

Similarly, inspection was likely to be the only safe course where it seemed probable that the documents contained a version of events given soon after their occurrence and at a time when the recollection of the witness would have been fresh.

It seemed to his Lordship that, unless protected by some immunity, the tapes and transcripts were undoubtedly likely to contain material necessary for the fair disposal of the action. In the months preceding the interviews an internal inquiry was carried out by Coopers into the events leading up to the liquidation of WSTC.

In February 1992, therefore Mr Davies and Mr Ginsberg must have had the matters which would be relevant to the issues in the current proceedings at their fingertips. The tapes were likely to include not only matters of fact but expressions of opinion. Moreover, they were likely to provide an insight into the state of knowledge of the auditors in the period leading up to the collapse of WSTC.

His Lordship was satisfied that the claim to public interest immunity was without foundation. In the circumstances he would direct that the matter should be referred back to the judge so that he could inspect the documents himself.

Lord Justice Simon Brown delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Waite agreed with both judgments.

Solicitors: Allen & Overy; Barlow Lyde & Gilbert.

Conditional fee scheme protects action

Connelly v RTZ Corporation plc and Another

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Evans and Lord Justice Ward

[Judgment May 2]

Where a plaintiff had no prospect of ever funding the prosecution of his action in a foreign jurisdiction, which was the most natural forum for its trial, but could do so in England, which was not an inappropriate forum, by means of a conditional fee arrangement with his solicitors, the interests of justice weighed in favour of the English forum where he could assert his rights.

The Court of Appeal so held, allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, Edward Connelly, from Mr David Steel, QC, who, sitting as a deputy judge of the High Court, had refused his application for removal of the stay of his action imposed by Sir John Wood and upheld by the Court of Appeal (*The Times* October 20, 1995; [1996] QB 361) on the ground that the most natural forum to pursue his personal injuries claim against the defendants, RTZ Corporation plc and RTZ Overseas Services Ltd, allegedly arising out of his exposure to ore dust during employment with a subsidiary of the defendants, was Namibia.

On the previous appeal the plaintiff, while accepting that Namibia was prima facie the natural forum for the dispute, save for his inability, through lack of funds, ever to prosecute his claim there, had argued that in view of the availability of legal aid in England, the interests of justice required trial in England.

The Court of Appeal had held that section 31(1)(b) of the Legal Aid Act 1988 precluded the court from taking account of the legal aid factor and had accordingly declined to lift the stay imposed by the judge.

The plaintiff's present application was made on the basis of changed circumstances, namely, that he and his solicitors proposed to make a conditional fee arrangement for conduct of the proceedings in England.

Mr Graham Read for the plaintiff; Mr Brian Doctor and Mr Charles Gibson for the defendants.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that it was necessary for the court to be satisfied that the present proposal to enter a conditional fee arrangement was not a mere subterfuge.

However, the fact was that the plaintiff's previous legal aid certificate had now been discharged; if any future application were to be made, it would be the plaintiff's duty to serve notice on the defendants of the grant of a certificate; and undertakings had been proffered, in particular by the plaintiff's solicitor, an officer of the court whose good faith was not in doubt. He had deposed on oath to his intention to enter into such an arrangement to cover, subject to necessary qualifications, the remaining conduct of the action.

His Lordship referred to *Spiliada Maritime Corporation v Cansulex Ltd* ([1987] AC 460, 476, 478 and 482) where Lord Goff of Chieveley had made it plain that he was not intending to lay down a series of inflexible rules which were to be applied to all cases, irrespective of the facts.

It was a clear inference from his speech that no single factor was, as a matter of law, to be treated as decisive. It was hard to think that the availability of legal assistance could ever lead the court to make an order which would lead to trial in a jurisdiction in which there was a significant risk that justice might not be done.

But faced with a stark choice between one jurisdiction, albeit not the most appropriate in which there could in fact be a trial, and another jurisdiction, the most appropriate in which there never could, the interests of justice would tend to weigh strongly in favour of that forum in which the plaintiff could assert his rights.

That approach was consistent with the international obligations undertaken by the United Kingdom: see article 6(1) of the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (1953) (Cmd 8969) and article 14(1) of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ST/HR/1/rev 2 (1983) pp8/16).

Whether or not those provisions, being no part of domestic law, were strictly applicable, it seemed right to bear the United Kingdom's international obligations in mind when the court was invited to make an order which would have the practical effect of preventing a plaintiff pursuing his rights anywhere.

His Lordship would therefore allow the appeal, subject to terms, and accept the undertakings proffered by the plaintiff and his solicitors to enter forthwith into the conditional fee arrangement.

The court would require the plaintiff, if he proposed to apply for legal aid, to give notice to the defendants before doing so. They would then be able to apply for reimposition of the stay.

The plaintiff would also be required, as soon as the arrangement was executed, to give notice of that fact to the defendants and if the arrangement were terminated to inform the defendants accordingly.

Lord Justice Evans and Lord Justice Ward delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Leigh Day & Co; Davies Arnold Cooper.

Judges need not examine documents

Regina v W (G)
Regina v W (E)

Before Lord Justice Staughton, Mr Justice Ian Kennedy and Judge Crane

[Judgment June 28]

Where a third party applied under the Criminal Procedure (Attendance of Witnesses) Act 1965 to set aside a witness summons requiring a large number of documents to be disclosed, the judge could accept the assertion of the possessor of the documents that they were irrelevant to any issue in the case or, if that claim were implausible or suspect, he could look at them himself. It was also quite proper, in the exercise of his discretion, for the judge to accept an assurance from an independent competent member of the Bar that the documents requested were irrelevant.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in dismissing an appeal by G against his conviction on November 23, 1995, at the Central Criminal Court (Judge Smedley, QC and a jury) of two counts of cruelty to a child, two counts of indecent assault on a female, two counts of rape and two counts of buggery, for which he was sentenced to a total of 13 years imprisonment; and an appeal by his wife E against her conviction on the same date of aiding and abetting rape, aiding and abetting buggery and three counts of indecent assault on a female for which she was sentenced to seven years imprisonment.

Mr David Josse for G and Mr Lee Karu for E, both assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals; Mr John Coffey, QC and Miss Ann Cotcher for the prosecution.

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON, giving the judgment of the court, said that the offences had all been committed against two of the appellants' daughters. The first ground of appeal by both appellants related to an issue of disclosure of documents before the trial.

It was said that there was an improper procedure adopted and that it was an issue of considerable importance because judges up and down the country were being required to decide which of quite a number of documents had to be disclosed to the defence.

Sometimes that required a great deal of reading. In one case it took a judge at the Central Criminal Court 11 days before he could determine the issue of disclosure.

In this particular case the estimate was 72 hours. Many judges had the impression that they were obliged to read the documents themselves in all such cases and that was the matter upon which their Lordships had now been asked to rule.

The case was one where the documents in question were not in the possession of the prosecution but of Barnet London Borough Council, by whom the family had been known for many years.

When documents were in the possession of a third party such as a local authority, the normal procedure was for the defence to issue a witness summons to some person in the local authority to produce the documents. The local authority could then apply under the 1965 Act to set aside the summons. The defence and the third party had a right to make representations and there was authority also that the prosecution should be represented.

Two questions might arise:

1 Were the documents of which disclosure was required relevant to an issue in the case?

2 Had the possessor of the documents a valid public interest immunity claim so that he need not disclose them?

At the pre-trial hearing the question was how many of the documents were relevant and who should sort through them to say which were relevant. Each of the parties had a proposal which involved someone else doing the sorting.

The first defendant said it should be the judge, the second defendant suggested the Crown and the Crown suggested the local authority.

The judge accepted the solution put forward by the local authority that they should appoint separate counsel to sort out the relevant from the irrelevant documents. At that stage the judge did not consider the documents at all.

Once independent counsel had sorted the documents the prosecution claimed public interest immunity for 20 of them. The judge granted it for some and refused for others and no complaint was made about that. The argument on appeal was that the judge himself should have read the documents rather than leaving it even to independent counsel.

In a case where a summons was taken out for one or more identified documents the possessor of the documents was entitled to go to court and say they were irrelevant.

The next stage was for the judge. He could either accept that assertion or look at the documents himself. That was a decision to be taken in his discretion but of course it had to be judicially exercised.

If the possessor's claim that the documents were irrelevant was suspect or implausible the judge would no doubt look at them himself.

On the other hand, he might regard an assurance from an independent competent member of the Bar as sufficient reason for drawing the conclusion that the documents were irrelevant but at the end of the day the judge, in his discretion, had either to accept the assurance or to look at the documents and decide for himself.

What the judge did in this case was to say that he would accept the local authority's assurance if it was based on the opinion of independent counsel whom they instructed. That was a perfectly proper exercise of his discretion and sensible too.

It might perhaps be said that he should not have committed himself irrevocably to accepting counsel's view until after the results had emerged but their Lordships did not think that of significance in this case. The complaint that the judge's way of dealing with the documents was improper was rejected.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Special Casework Section.

Depriving EC nationals of income support

Remelien v Secretary of State for Social Security and Another
Regina v Same, Ex parte Wolke

Before Sir Stephen Brown, President, Lord Justice Kennedy and Lord Justice Phillips

[Judgment June 18]

A European national who was not a United Kingdom national and who had received a letter from the Home Office that she must make arrangements to leave the country as she had become a charge on public funds could lawfully be deprived of income support.

She had received an authoritative letter conveying a serious instruction which was within the meaning of regulation 21(3)(h) of the Income Support (General) Regulations (SI 1987 No 1967), as amended by regulation 4 of the *Income Support (Amendment) Regulations* (SI 1993 No 315), that she was required by the secretary of state to leave the United Kingdom.

The Court of Appeal so held, Lord Justice Phillips dissenting, when allowing appeals from Mr Commissioner Messer and Mr Justice Popplewell. Both appeals had been heard together.

Mr Richard Plender, QC and Miss Geraldine Clark for the secretary of state; Mr John Howell, QC and Mr Stewart Wright for Ms Wolke; Mr Ramby de Mello and Mr Leon Daniel for Ms Remelien.

LORD JUSTICE KENNEDY said that both women had entered the country with partners but were now single parents. Ms Remelien had two children and Ms Wolke had one child. Each received income support.

Each had received a letter from the Home Office stating that she had become a burden on public funds and that she should make arrangements to leave the United Kingdom.

Ms Remelien was a French national and Miss Wolke Dutch. Thus in early December 1993 Ms Remelien had no right to live, work or settle in the United Kingdom which was enforceable under either domestic or Community law. She was not an illegal entrant. The position of Ms Wolke in early April 1995 was substantially the same.

Ms Remelien was refused income support in December 1993 and the Social Security Appeal Tribunal dismissed her appeal. The Commissioner had allowed her appeal.

Ms Wolke had been granted leave to seek judicial review of the letter and Mr Justice Popplewell had granted a declaration to the effect that it could not be said that she had been required to leave the United Kingdom.

Section 124(1) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 provided that a person in Great Britain was entitled to income support if over the age of 18, had no income or income below the applicable amount, was not engaged in remunerative work and was seeking employment. There was no requirement of citizenship.

Under the 1987 Regulations, where a claim was made by a person from abroad who was a single claimant or a lone parent the applicable amount was nil. Regulation 21(3) provided that a "person from abroad" meant a person who "(h) is a national of a member state and is required by the secretary of state to leave the United Kingdom".

Mr Plender submitted that the Commissioner and Mr Justice Popplewell were wrong to construe the words used in the letters as they did. He contended that when a letter was sent by the secretary of state who was a government minister vested with authority in relation to immigration matters to an EC national present in the country without the benefit of any legal right and that letter informed the recipient that she should make arrangements to leave the United Kingdom then, for the purposes of regulation 21(3)(h), that letter amounted to a requirement by the secretary of state that that person should leave the United Kingdom and it was immaterial that he did not intend for the present to use powers he had to ensure compliance with his requirement.

His Lordship accepted those submissions in order to render the amendment of the 1987 Regulations meaningful and the object was to enable an adjudicating officer to cut off the flow of benefits to an EC national who had no legal right to be present in the country. The appeals would be allowed.

Lord Justice Phillips delivered a dissenting judgment and Sir Stephen Brown concurred with Lord Justice Kennedy.

Solicitors: Solicitor, Department of Social Security; Mr David Thomas, Aldgate; Powell & Co, Woolwich.

Recalcitrant witness must not be arrested in front of jury

Regina v Maguire

Before Lord Justice Otton, Mr Justice Hidden and Judge Crawford, QC

[Judgment June 17]

If a witness in a criminal trial persisted in refusing to answer questions he was liable to be dealt with for contempt of court but if it was necessary that he be arrested that should be done in the absence of the jury.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so stated in allowing an appeal by Francis Maguire against his conviction on February 29, 1996, at Wood Green Crown Court (Judge Finney and a jury) of wounding with intent, contrary to section 18 of the Offences against the Person Act 1861 for which he was sentenced to seven years imprisonment.

Mr David Radcliffe, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Nicholas Hilliard and Mr Martin Haukeland for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE OTTON, giving the judgment of the court, said that an important witness for the defence had refused to answer questions as to his whereabouts at the time of the alleged offence because he was afraid he might incriminate himself in relation to an earlier incident, which fact was unknown to the judge and counsel at the time.

When the witness persisted in his refusal the judge ordered his arrest in the presence of the jury and he was taken down to the cells.

An application was made that the jury be discharged but was refused by the judge who felt that an appropriate direction to the jury was the proper way to deal with the matter.

In their Lordships' view, however, the witness was material to the defence and for any defence counsel to see his client's independent witness disappear from the witness box into the cells must have been a matter of some disquiet and certainly left their Lordships with a considerable feeling of unease.

It might have been that the judge feared that if the witness was allowed to leave the court he might not have returned at a later date but there were other ways of dealing with that matter, for example, by inviting the jury to retire before causing the arrest to be made.

The judge's direction to the jury in summing up was not sufficient to dispel the prejudice caused. The conviction was unsafe, the appeal would be allowed but a retrial ordered.

Solicitors: CPS, Wood Green.

Snowball scheme is an unlawful lottery and company must repay all moneys received

One Life Ltd (in Liquidation) v Roy and Another

Before Mr Justice Carnwath

[Judgment July 2]

A company incorporated as a vehicle for a "snowball scheme" was, under section 1 of the Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976, conducting an unlawful lottery as its sole trading activity and was, therefore, liable to repay to participators all the moneys contributed by them to the scheme since such sums could not constitute profits out of which distributions could properly be made.

Furthermore, the scheme, although called a "business game" was not a "game" or "gaming" for the purposes of the Gaming Acts of 1845 and 1968.

Mr Justice Carnwath so held in the Chancery Division on an application for summary judgment by the liquidator of the plaintiff company, One Life Ltd, when making orders against Mr Clifford Noel Roy and Mrs Cornelia Roy entitling the liquidator to repayment of £661,070.

Mr Roger Kaye, QC and Mr Edmund Cullen for the plaintiff; Mr Romie Tager, QC and Ms Michelle Stevens-Hoare for the defendants.

MR JUSTICE CARNWATH said that the defendants together owned the entire issued share capital of the company, the first defendant being sole director and the second defendant company secretary. The company traded for just over a year between November 6, 1994 and November 13, 1995 when a winding-up petition was presented by the secretary of state. A winding-up order followed on January 17, 1996.

The action sought recovery of money withdrawn by the defendants amounting in total to £661,070, plus interest. The defendants claimed that those moneys were properly paid to them either as dividends or salary.

It was argued (i) that the company was conducting an unlawful lottery as its sole trading activity and accordingly never made any profits available for distribution (ii) that the purported distributions were made in contravention of sections 263 and 270 relating to distributions.

The company was incorporated on October 19, 1994 as a vehicle for a scheme called "The Businessman Game" which was a form of "snowball scheme" whereby members joining the game were required to pay £2,000, part of which was then distributed to individuals occupying positions in higher levels of the game's structure.

The contributing member became a business partner and entitled to introduce new members to the game. At the top of the pyramid were two organisation directors between whom group managers and their networks were split geographically: Organisation 1 operated in the London area and Organisation 2 in the Birmingham and Coventry area.

Each organisation director was entitled to £250 for every new member introduced in his structure. The first defendant's sister, Tracey Roy, was the organisation director of Organisation 2. The company retained the £250 attributable to organisation director 1.

The distribution of each £2,000 joining fee was: £500 to the introducer, £500 to a group administrator, who might also have have been the introducer, £250 to the group mananger and £250 to the organisation director. The balance of £500 was retained by the company. Thus, for every member introduced in Organisation 1 the company received £750 and similarly in Organisation 2 it received £500.

The plaintiff relied on section 1 of the Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976 which provided "All lotteries which do not constitute gaming are unlawful, except as provided by this Act."

The participants in the game were, it was said, entitled to recover money paid to the company for the purpose of the unlawful scheme. Since the alleged profits consisted entirely of money so contributed the company was liable to repay those sums and therefore had no profits out of which distributions could have properly been made.

The defendants argued that it was not a lottery because the returns depended, not on pure chance, but to some extent on the skill and efforts of the participants in attracting new recruits.

That issue had recently been considered in detail by Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor, in *In re a Company (No 003613 of 1996)* (unreported, June 14, 1996) in relation to a virtually identical scheme.

It was clear that it involved a similar degree of participation by members, in attracting new participants to keep the "snowball" rolling, until the inevitable result, namely that those last in would lose their money. His Lordship could see no material distiction between that scheme and the instant one.

Although the Vice-Chancellor did not regard the scheme as a lottery in the normal sense of that term he considered that he was bound by the authorities, in particular *DPP v Phillips* ([1935] 1 KB 391) to hold that it was to be regarded as a lottery for the purpose of the statutory prohibitions which preceded the 1976 Act.

His Lordship respectfully adopted the Vice-Chancellor's review and his conclusions which were equally applicable to the similar facts in the instant case.

Mr Tager submitted that, whether or not the scheme was a lottery, it was also "gaming" within the meaning of the 1976 Act and therefore excluded from the prohibition in section 1. Gaming as defined in that Act had the same meaning as in the Gaming Act 1968: see section 23.

The relevant definitions in the 1968 Act were in section 52 which provided:

"(1) . . . 'game of chance' does not include any athletic game or sport, but, with that exception, and subject to subsection (6) of this section, includes a game of chance and skill combined and a pretended game of chance or of chance and skill combined:

'Gaming' (subject to subsections (3) to (5) of this section) means the playing of a game of chance for winnings in money or money's worth, whether any person playing the game is at risk of losing any money or money's worth or not."

Subsections (3) to (6) clearly recognised the possibility of the same activity being both gaming and a lottery. Mr Tager conceded, however, that if that was "gaming" within the meaning of the 1968 Act it was unlawful by virtue of section 2 of that Act which provided that no gaming within the meaning of the Act was to take place, inter alia, where the nature of the game was such that the chances in the game were not equally favourable to all the players.

It was a feature of "snowball schemes" that the chances of winnings were more favourable for those coming into the scheme at an earlier date than those coming in later.

The significance of the argument, however, was in the consequences for the participants. Mr Tager relied on section 18 of the Gaming Act 1845 which provided that any agreements "by way of gaming or wagering" were null and void and further "no suit shall be brought or maintained in any court of law and equity for recovering any sum of money . . . alleged to be won upon any wager, or which shall have been deposited in the hands of any person to abide the event on which any wager shall have been made."

Thus money advanced by the participants to a gaming agreement was in law a gift: see *Lipkin Gorman v Karpnale Ltd* ([1991] AC 548, 565). So, if that activity was properly described as "gaming", the participants were not able to recover their money from the company.

It would follow that the profits out of which the distributions were made were true profits and that therefore there was no substantive objection to those moneys being withdrawn by the defendants. There was no definition of "gaming" in the 1845 Act, unlike the 1968 Act.

In theory, therefore, there were five possible categorisations of activity in the instant case:

(1) That it was neither a lottery nor gaming

(2) That it was a lottery but not gaming

(3) That it was a lottery, and gaming within the meaning of the 1968 Act 1968, but not of the 1845 Act

(4) That it was a lottery, and gaming within the meaning of the 1845 Act, but not of the 1968 Act

(5) That it was a lottery and gaming in all relevant senses.

The significance of (3) as compared to (4) and (5) was that if the activity was within the 1968 Act, but not of the 1845 Act, it was at least arguable that the participants were entitled to recover their money on the same principles as under (2).

Asked to grapple with an analysis of that subtlety one turned with relief to the words of Lord Wilberforce in *Seay v Eastwood* ([1976] 1 WLR 1117, 1121).

Applying that approach, his Lordship was satisfied that the scheme in the instant case, although called a "business game" was not a "game" or "gaming" for the purposes of the 1845 or 1968 Acts.

It was of course the chance factor which had led to the conclusion that schemes of that kind were lotteries. The word "game" to his Lordship's mind connoted some form of contest between the parties.

There was no evidence that any of those taking part regarded the activity as a game in any accepted sense. Most of the authorities referred to his Lordship did not appear to assist.

If his Lordship was right that the activity was a lottery but not a game it seemed clear that the participants were entitled to recover their contributions which was on the principle that they were within the category of persons intended to be protected by the provisions which made the activity unlawful: see *Barclay v Pearson* ([1893] 2 Ch 154, 167, 168). It was therefore unnecessary to consider in detail the alternative arguments based upon the provisions of the Companies Act 1985.

Solicitors: Denton Hall; Michael Conn & Co.

EQUESTRIANISM: OPENING DAY OF SHOW MARRED BY DELAYS

Robert in top form again at Hickstead

By Jenny MacArthur

MICHEL ROBERT, of France, produced a devastating turn of foot on Airborne Montecillo to relegate Britain's William Funnell on Comex to second place in The West Sands Holidays July Stakes, the main event on the opening day of The Royal International Horse Show, yesterday.

In a fast and furious nine-horse jump-off Nick Skelton, competing at his last show before flying to Atlanta on Wednesday, finished in third place on his Olympic reserve horse, Cathleen. But the opening day of the show, which should be one of Britain's equestrian showpieces, was marred by unexplained delays to the classes.

The course walk for the main event started at 5.30pm, 1½ hours after the competition was due to start. Without the demands of television (only the King George V Gold Cup and the Queen Elizabeth II Cup on Saturday are televised) the show's sense of urgency seems to have deserted it.

Once under way, the July Stakes soon rewarded the sprinkling of spectators who had lingered on. In an absorbing contest nine horses were clear in the opening round, although one of the favourites, Marion Hughes, of Ireland, on her Queen Elizabeth II Cup winner, Flo Jo, was not among them, having faulted at the gate.

Skelton, whose Olympic horse, Showtime, is safely installed at the Georgia International Horse Park, set the standard in the jump-off with a superb round on Cathleen — which was acclaimed as the winning one. Funnell, who loves this ground, promptly knocked more than a second off Skelton's time with an attacking round on Comex, the horse on which he finished third in the King George V Gold Cup last year before going on to win The Classic on the last day of the show.

But Robert, who has been overlooked for the French Olympic team, also makes a habit of winning at Hickstead — most recently on the opening day of the Nations Cup meeting in May. Yesterday, throwing caution to the wind, he swept round the seven-fence course to finish half a second faster than Funnell.

With John and Michael Whitaker competing at The Great Yorkshire Show yesterday, the only other member of Britain's Olympic team at Hickstead was Geoff Billington, on Mancuso, who incurred eight faults in the opening round.

"I knew we'd be struggling — there are some good horses here," Billington said. The competition will be even stronger today when the two Whitakers arrive to prepare for Saturday's King George — one of the most coveted prizes in the sport. Earlier, Stanny van Paesschen, a member of Belgium's Olympic showjumping team, made a convincing start to the show when he won the opening speed class on his Belgian-bred gelding, Capricieux des Six Censes, by a margin of 3.51 seconds.

Ireland, who dominated the show last year, filled the next two places — Erik Holstein, on Sir Michael, finishing a fraction of a second ahead of Paul Darragh, on his Barcelona Grand Prix winner, Cera, to take second place. Keith Shore, with his Hickstead specialist, Dun Equity, was the best Briton in the class in fifth place.

Van Paesschen, one of the most popular riders on the circuit, was fulsome in his praise for the Belgian-bred Capricieux des Six Censes after his lightning round.

"He's a fantastic horse — very careful and, on a good day, capable of winning a grand prix, he said."

The gelding also has a liking for Hickstead's imposing arena. On his first visit — at the Nations Cup meeting in May — he won on the opening day and was runner-up to John Whitaker, on Elanville, on the second day. The only discordant note for van Paesschen yesterday concerned the £500 prize-money.

"I thought they must have left a zero off when I saw the schedule," he said.

JULIAN HERBERT

Nick Skelton eases Tinka's Boy over a fence at the Royal International Horse Show

He lost the chance of winning double that amount in the later class with his Olympic horse, Mulga Bill, when the gelding failed to match the furious speed in the jump-off.

While Britain's Olympic horses are already at the Georgia International Horse Park — following the advice given by the Animal Health Trust which recommends a week to recover from the flight and two weeks' acclimatisation — the Belgian and Swiss Olympic teams are not flying to Atlanta until 24 July — two days before the warm-up class.

"The flights to Calgary and Monterrey [Mexico] are longer than to Atlanta and we are usually competing there within two days of arriving," van Paesschen said.

RESULTS: West Sands Holidays July Stakes: 1, Airborne Montecillo (M Robert, Fr) 0 in 45.94; 2 Comex (W Funnell, GB) 0 in 46.45; 3 Cathleen (N Skelton, GB) 47.79. The West Sands Selsey International Chase: 1, Capricieux des Six Censes (S van Paesschen, Bel) 77.98; 2, Sir Michael (E Holstein, Ire) 81.47; 3, Cera (P Darragh, Ire) 81.57. Champion Ridden Hunter: Colchester Commercials' Regal Max. Reserve: D Evans's and Mrs S Cuddy's Helicon.

GOLF

England to face Italy as Ireland take on Germans

By a Correspondent

ENGLAND, the title-holders, and a much-improved Ireland team cruised into the quarter-finals of the European boys' team golf championship at Gut Murstatten, in Austria, yesterday. But Wales, who went into the championship with the strongest side they have produced, only made it into the second flight for matchplay while Scotland had to settle for a place in the third, and bottom, flight alongside Holland, Switzerland and the Czech Republic.

Sweden again led the way after an impressive performance on the second day. With five of their six cards counting each day, they scored a total of 699, two strokes clear of Ireland, with Spain third on 704 and England next, a further stroke adrift.

England will now play Italy today for a place in the semi-finals while Ireland take on Germany. There was also great jubilation among the Austrian hosts as they reached the top flight for the first time, but they now come up against a powerful team from Sweden.

The Ireland team was strong in depth again yesterday, with Daniel Sugrue producing his second successive four-under-par round of 68 while both Lee Dalton and David Jones had their second sub-par rounds of the qualifying phase. "It was a brilliant team performance, especially after we did not make the top flight last year or the year before," Frank Gannon, the Ireland captain, said.

England also looked rock solid, with five of their six boys either matching or bettering the par of 72. The course record of 66, set on Wednesday by Oliver Pughe, a Welsh teenager, was lowered yesterday by Alessandro Napoleoni, 18, from Italy, who had a hole-in-one at the fifth on his way to a round of 65, seven under par. That helped the Italians to leapfrog over several countries and keep alive their championship hopes.

QUALIFYING DETAILS: Second-round scores: Championship flight: 699: Sweden. 701: Ireland (D Sugrue 68, L Dalton 69, D Jones 71, S Hood 73, A Lynch 73) 704: Spain. 705: England (M Harris 71, J Rose 71, P Rowe 72, G Storm 72, S Walker 72) 707: Italy. 708: Denmark. 711: Germany. 713: Austria. Second flight: 716: Wales (A Delves 70, O Pughe 72, C Williams 72, M Pilkington 74, M Palmer 75). 718: Belgium. 720: Norway. 724: Portugal, Iceland. 725: France. 729: Finland. Third flight: 730: Holland. 731: Scotland (F McLaughlan 68, M Brown 70, M Loftus 70, S Whiteford 73, M Donaldson 77). 746: Switzerland. 778: Czech Republic.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Kid gloves off as brothers step into battle

By Christopher Irvine

THE warm-up was in full flow. Henry Paul, the Wigan half of the brotherly double act, described Central Park as the "house of pain". In turn, Robbie, of Bradford Bulls, welcomed his elder sibling to the "terror dome".

No love will be lost between them tonight at Odsal, where the Bulls are unbeaten this season, and Wigan must win to prevent the initiative at the top of the Stones Super League swinging back towards St Helens.

After a match that should have a key bearing on the destiny of the title, the brothers will contact their parents in Auckland. Ideally, their mother would prefer them to play in the same team. She might get her wish in New Zealand's three-match home series against Great Britain in October.

Not since lamb has New Zealand had an export success quite like the Paul brothers. A combination of Robbie, 20, at scrum-half and Henry, 22, outside him, or in any number of different positions he effortlessly slots into at Wigan, is one that even the ultra-conservative New Zealand selectors cannot resist.

Since their mimicry as children of American football running backs, spins out of tackles have become a family trademark. When Henry, a pocket whirlwind, first arrived in England in 1993, he insisted he had a kid brother at home better than him. Robbie has certainly moved out of Henry's shadow, becoming the first player to score three tries in a Challenge Cup final last April, and winning the Lance Todd Trophy for outstanding player, albeit on the losing side to St Helens.

"It was always the younger brother syndrome with me. Henry would set the standard, making representative teams, and I would do my hardest to get into that team as well and do better," Robbie said. "We did play similarly, stepping and spinning, but I think now we're totally different players, even though we get written about as having the same style."

What is in no doubt is the influence both brothers can exert on a game. When one or other is quiet, the opposition is usually winning. Robbie's worst display of the season was saved for Bradford's pre-Wembley visit to Wigan; a 22-6 defeat put Henry 4-0 ahead in the brothers' personal battle.

Wigan find themselves in the same position St Helens were a week ago, a point ahead in the Super League, and having to go to the newly fanatical Odsal. It is inconceivable that Wigan will defend as shoddily as St Helens did and the main question is whether the Bulls can capture the same irresistible mood.

This week has been a difficult one for Bradford. Brian Smith is committed to the club until September, when he moves back to Australia to coach Parramatta. It is a sore loss but Smith himself has stuck to the notion of business as usual, and the side he has built up in ten months is heeding his advice.

After being made captain by him, Robbie Paul has more to thank Smith for than most. "I rate him the best coach in the game and it's terribly sad to see him on his way, but Brian is the arch professional and at training on Monday he'd all the plans for the Wigan game just as if nothing had happened," he said. "He's put down firm roots for this side to continue developing."

Robbie Paul: outstanding

Karl Fairbank, the Bradford forward, has been cleared to play. The Rugby Football League disciplinary committee yesterday deemed his sending off against St Helens sufficient punishment. Scott Gibbs, of St Helens, is to appeal today against a two-match ban for use of the forearm in the same match.

Meanwhile, soccer legend Peter Lorimer has joined rugby league club Hunslet Hawks as their new commercial manager.

POLO: ALBWARDY STEPS UP CHALLENGE FOR BRITISH OPEN

Dubai make Buffalos pay for missed chances

By John Watson

AS THE British Open championships for the Veuve Cliquot Gold Cup progressed at Midhurst yesterday Kerry Packer's Ellerston White, who head League B, defeated Hubert Perrodo's Labegorce 14-9. Then Ali Albwardy's team, Dubai, beat the Buffalos, who are put together by the French player, Jean-Francois Decaux, by 11 goals to eight. Dubai stand second in the same league.

During the first couple of chukkas it looked as though the Buffalos, pivoted on the 10-handicap Argentinian, Sebastian Merlos, had the edge. He creates a formidably close duo with his back, Charles Beresford, and Buffalos led at half-time.

However, Dubai had the advantage in team balance, with every man playing his role effectively. They displayed a more cohesive approach than their opponents in attack. Marcos Heguy, the longest-hitting man on the pitch, makes a good No 3 for them while their patron, Albwardy, may be a fraction underhandicapped. He certainly proves a handy No 1 and he contributed two good goals to his side's tally.

The Buffalos missed several easy shots and several opportunities from penalty awards.

There was a great deal of appealing for fouls and shouting at the umpires by the South American players. These are in themselves technical infringements, but the umpires chose not to penalise them.

In League A, Brook Johnson's squad, CS Brooks, are at the top with Urs Schwarzenbach's Black Bears second and Joe Gottschalk's Les Lions third.

ELLERSTON WHITE: 1, J Daniels (5); 2, J Novillo (6); 3, G Pieres (10); Back: D Smith (1).
LABEGORCE: 1, H Perrodo (1); 2, P Heguy (10); 3, M Novillo (7); Back: J le Hardy (4).
DUBAI: 1, A Albwardy (1); 2, M Vidou (7); 3, M Heguy (10); Back: A Fanshawe (4)
BUFFALOS: 1, J-F Decaux (1); 2, G Cuttino (5), 3, S Merlos (10); Back: Lord C Beresford (6)

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

NICE: Grand prix meeting: Selected results. Men: 100m: 1, D Bailey (Can) 10.17sec; 2, L Christie (GB) 10.17; 3, D Campbell (GB) 10.32. 800m: 1, W Kipketer (Den) 1min 42.51sec; 2, B Lahlou (Mor) 1:43.76; 3, D Kiptoo (Ken) 1:43.93. 1,500m: 1, H el Guerrouj (Mor) 3:30.61; 2, V Niyongabo (Burundi) 3:31.65; 3, L Rotich (Ken) 3:32.62. British: 4, A Whiteman 3:34.92. 2,000m: 1, N Morceli (Alg) 4:49.55; 2, M Kiano (Ken) 4:53.84; 3, A Hakimi (Tun) 4:54.54. 3,000m: 1, P Bitok (Ken) 7min 32.05sec; 2, F Boulami (Mor) 7:32.56; 3, S Sghir (Mor) 7:32.89. 110m hurdles: 1, F Schwarthoff (Ger) 13.34; 2, E Batte (Cuba) 13.43; 3, E Valle (Cuba) 13.51. 400m hurdles: 1, T Zellner (US) 48.24; 2, S Matete (Zam) 48.27; 3, E Thomas (US) 48.55. 3,000m steeplechase: 1, J Keter (Ken) 8:08.47; 2, C Kosgei (Ken) 8:08.84; 3, G Chirchir (Ken) 8:09.89. High jump: 1, C Austin (US) 2.34m; 2, D Topic (Yug) 2.32m; 3, A Partyka (Pol) 2.32m. British: 4, D Grant 2.30m. Pole vault: 1, I Potapovich (Kaz) 5.90m; 2, M Tarasov (Russ) 5.90m; 3, J Galfione (Fr) 5.90m. Women: 100m: 1, M Onyali (Nigeria) 11.18sec; 2, J Cuthbert (Jam) 11.30; 3, Z Pintusevich (Ukr) 11.33. British: 8, G McLeod 11.86. 200m: 1, M-J Perec (Fr) 22.29; 2, Z Feagin (US) 22.61; 3, J Cuthbert (Jam) 22.97. 400m: 1, F Ogunkoya (Nigeria) 50.00sec; 2, P Davis (Bah) 50.44; 3, J Miles (US) 50.53. 800m: 1, A Quirot (Cuba) 1min 59.21sec; 2, N Dukhnova (Russ) 1:59.90; 3, E Afanasyeva (Russ) 2:00.44. British: 4, D Modahl 2:00.57. 1,500m: 1, C Sacramento (Por) 4:02.64; 2, L Rogachova (Russ) 4:02.69; 3, M Maruseva (Russ) 4:03.01. 3,000m: 1, S O'Sullivan (Ire) 8:35.42; 2, J Vaquero (Sp) 8:41.23; 3, L Borisova (Russ) 8:45.81. 100m hurdles: 1, L Engquist (Swe) 12.67; 2, Y Graudyn (Russ) 12.93; 3, B Bukovec (Slovenia) 12.93.

BATTERSEA PARK: Chase Corporate Challenge (3.5 miles): Men: 1, J Solly (London Coaching) 15min 30sec; 2, M Morgan (British Gas) 15:35; 3, S Tobin (British Steel) 15:39; 4, E Martin (Ford) 15:44. Women: 1, J Coulson (Barclays) 18:24; 2, E Doubell (Kodak) 18:32; 3, J Holden (D Young) 18:40; 4, H Widsi (Cray) 19:13.

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of two): Thame: Oxfordshire 225-6 and 271-7 (B C A Ellison 65, K R Mustow 64); Cornwall 223-6 and 175-7. Match drawn. Old Hill: Staffordshire 149 and 197 (D K Pashley 58, T J A Scriven 5-52). Buckinghamshire 165 and 182-6 (M Bowyer 75, T J A Scriven 51, L Potter 5-73). Buckinghamshire won by five wickets.

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of three): Middleton-on-Sea: Sussex 305 and 196-9 dec (U B A Rashid 4-48). Middlesex 250-8 dec and 224-8 (R P Lane 62, P E Wellings 51). Match drawn. Trent College: Worcestershire 182 and 207. Derbyshire 249 and 100-7. Match drawn. (second day of three) Northampton: Northamptonshire 365-7 dec (A R Roberts 102, D J Sales 78, T M B Bailey 70) and 70-0; Gloucestershire 303-8 dec (C Read 60).
BAIN HOGG TROPHY: Durham: Durham 298-6 (G I Longley 100, C W Scott 57). Yorkshire 147 (D M Cox 5-27). Durham won by 151 runs.
YOUTH INTERNATIONAL (one day): Wellington College, Berkshire: New Zealand Under-19 214-6 (N Walker 71). England NCA XI 215-5 (S Lockhurst 60). England NCA won by five wickets.
OFFICIAL CORRECTION: NatWest Trophy: Second round: Leicestershire v Sussex (July 10) Leicestershire: M T Brimson c Greenfield b Lewry 9, not as previously published.

CROQUET

HURLINGHAM: Open Championship (GB and Ire unless stated): First round: M Heap bt A le Moignan +25, -4, +12. Second round: P Cordingley bt A Leggate +26tp, +25; A Stephens (NZ) bt C Southam +2, -17, +19; A Johnson (NZ) bt C Williams +17, -10, +10; S Mulliner bt K Aiton +26tp, -2, +26tp; C Clarke bt M Avery +12tpo, +23tp; A Westerby (NZ) bt M Heap -25, +17, +7; R Baker (NZ) bt R Bamford (SA) -26tp, +13, +17; J Dawson bt C Pickering (Aus) -17tp, +6, +26tp; L Tibble bt R Graham (Aus) +19, +17. Third round: R Fulford bt Cordingley +23tp, +26tp; Stephens bt D Gaunt +8, -26, +26tp; R Brown bt Johnson (NZ) -6, +26tp, +17; Mulliner bt B Hewitt (Aus) +26tp, +17tp; Clarke bt J Walters +8tp, +9tp; Baker (NZ) bt B Hallam +26tp, +3; Dawson bt Tibble +22tp, -26, +3

GLIDING

DUNSTABLE: National Standard Class Championships: Fourth day (133km quad all 49 completed): 1, M Cuming (Discus) 91.2kph, 413pts; 2, D Campbell (Discus) 91.1, 412; 3, R Cheetham (LS8) 90.0, 404; 4, P Fritche (LS4) 87.9, 391; 5, M Strathern (LS7) 87.5, 388; 6, P Masson (ASW24) 87.4, 387. Overall (four days): 1, Campbell 3,179pts; 2, Cheetham 3,154; 3, D Allison (LS8) 3,055; 4, H Rebbeck (LS4) 2,945; 5, M Young (Discus) 2,900; 6, C Rollings (Discus) 2,882.

LACROSSE

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD: Women's International match: England 6 United States 11.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Services Rifle Championships: Queen Mary Trophy: 1, Col T Jones (Logs Comd) 183pts; 2, Cpl M Abdulla (Oman) 182; 3, L/Cpl S Khatim (Oman) 181. Brinsmead Shield: 1, Sultan of Oman's Forces "A" 324pts; 2, Sultan of Oman's Forces "B" 318; 3, Sultan of Oman's Forces "C" 305. Mappin Cup: 1, Sultan of Oman's Forces "A" 563pts; 2, Sultan of Oman's Forces "C" 542; 3, R Logistic Corps 536. Cambridgeshire Cup: 1, L/Cpl W Wilcox (3 Cheshire) 420pts; 2, Capt C Ulmann (4 RGJ) 420; 3, WO2 D Porter (4 RGJ) 417. NRA Service Rifle Championship: 1, H Khatim (Oman) 449pts; 2, A Mohammed (Oman) 447/182; 3, R Awadh (Oman) 447/176. British: 4, Maj A McLean (R Irish) 442. United Service Cup: 1, Regular Army 1,820pts; 2, RAF 1,764; 3, TA 1,697. Overseas teams: 1, Oman 1,847; 2, US NG 1,669; 3, Canada 1,640. International Service Rifle trophy: 1, Sultan of Oman's Forces 2,725pts (R Awadh 283); 2, Great Britain 2,674 (N Ball and A McLeod 278); 3, Canada 2,493. Veterans target rifle teams: 1, North London 734.53pts (R Britton 95.8); 2, Australia 726.58 (A McWhirter 95.10); 3, South Africa 722.50 (C Greyling 94.9)

TENNIS

BRISTOL: Men's challenger tournament: Second round: C Vinck (Ger) bt D Sapsford (GB) 6-2, 2-6, 6-1; S Humphries (US) bt C Haggard (SA) 5-7, 7-6, 6-4; P Tramacchi (Aus) bt K Ullyett (SA) 4-6, 6-3, 6-1; D Norman (Bel) bt A Foster (GB) 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; N Weal (GB) bt P Baur (Ger) 6-4, 6-2; L Rehmann (Ger) bt F Wibier (Holl) 6-4, 3-6, 6-1; J Delgado (GB) bt A Riechel (US) 6-4, 6-4; B Ellwood (Aus) bt C Beecher (GB) 7-6, 6-1

FELIXSTOWE: Women's tournament: Quarter-finals (GB unless stated): S-A Siddall bt A Ponnappa (India) 6-2, 6-1; L Woodroffe bt A Janes 6-2, 6-4; A Kurimay (Hun) bt L Latimer 6-4, 6-2; A Briegel (Ger) bt L Ahl 6-7, 6-3, 7-5

GSTAAD, Switzerland: Men's tournament: Second round: Y Kafelnikov (Russ) bt K Alami (Mor) 6-3, 6-3; A Costa (Sp) bt H Gumy (Arg) 6-3, 4-6, 6-4; A Berasategui (Sp) bt C Moya (Sp) 7-5, 6-2; F Mantilla (Sp) bt J Novak (Cz) 7-6, 0-6, 6-3; R Furlan (It) bt O Gross (Ger) 6-0, 5-7, 6-2; F Clavet (Sp) bt A Strambini (Switz) 6-4, 6-2; B Ulihrach (Cz) bt C Pioline (Fr) 7-6, 6-3; S Bruguera (Sp) bt E Sánchez (Sp) 6-2, 6-3

BASTAD, Sweden: Men's tournament: Second round: T Johansson (Swe) bt T Nydahl (Swe) 7-5, 6-0; A Medvedev (Ukr) bt M Norman (Swe) 6-4, 6-4; S Edberg (Swe) bt L Jonsson (Swe) 6-2, 6-7, 6-3.

NEWPORT, Rhode Island: First round: N Pereira (Ven) bt J Stark (US) 7-5, 6-3. Second round: B Black (Zim) bt R Koenig (SA) 6-3, 5-7, 6-2; L Paes (India) bt M Knowles (Bah) 6-7, 7-6, 7-5; D Nestor (Can) bt P Rafter (Aus) 7-5, 3-6, 7-6; M Ondruska (SA) bt S Stolle (Aus) 6-2, 6-3; G Stafford (SA) bt L Tieleman (It) 7-6, 6-2; D Nainkin (SA) bt D DiLucia (US) 6-2, 7-6.

FELIXSTOWE: LTA Reebok Tour: Quarter-finals: Men: P Hand (Berkshire) bt S Jackson (Cheshire) 6-3, 7-6; J Saffery (Berkshire) bt M Wyeth (Surrey) 6-4, 7-5. Women: N Egorova (Russ) bt L Cartwright (Lancashire) 6-4, 6-2; H Matthews (Berkshire) bt F Hearn (Middlesex) 6-2, 6-3; T King (NZ) bt M Malhotra (India) 6-2, 6-3; S Schenck (US) bt R Hutchins (Surrey) 6-4, 6-4.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Tour match
11.0, final day of three
SHENLEY PARK: MCC v South Africa A

BAIN HOGG TROPHY (one day): Campbell Park, Milton Keynes: Northamptonshire v Leicestershire. Taunton: Somerset v Gloucestershire. Hove: Sussex v Surrey. Worcester: Worcestershire v Glamorgan.

THIRD WOMEN'S TEST MATCH (first day of four): Guildford: England v New Zealand

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Super League
Bradford Bulls v Wigan (7.30)

Second division
Barrow v Swinton Lions (7.30)
York v Hunslet Hawks (7.30)

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Securicor Games (at Crystal Palace)
BOWLS: Scottish Masters (at Aberdeen)
EQUESTRIANISM: Royal International Horse Show (at Hickstead)
GOLF: Scottish Open (at Carnoustie)
SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Hull v Poole (7.30). Conference League: Arena Essex v Ryde (I o W) (8.0).
SWIMMING: ASA national championships (Leeds)
TENNIS: Bristol challenger tournament

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

We have spent the last few weeks looking at a number of hands that were suitable for a simple response to a take-out double. We will now start to look at some better hands. A jump response in a new suit generally shows in the region of 7-10 HCP. However, more is known about the take-out doubler's hand than after an opening bid, so the high-card requirements can be viewed a little more flexibly since the degree of fit is also important. The following hands are both suitable for a response of Two Spades after a take-out double of One Heart:

(i)	(ii)
♠ Q J 10 5 ♥ 8 7 6 ♦ K 10 6 4 3 ♣ 5	♠ K Q 4 3 ♥ Q J 5 ♦ J 5 4 ♣ J 7 3

Although hand (ii) is the stronger in terms of HCP, it is much less attractive in terms of distribution and its three points in hearts are likely to be wasted values.

One useful test to determine whether or not to make a try for game or slam in any situation is to see if you can think of a suitable minimum hand for partner to hold that will make the game or slam a good contract. If you can think of one quickly, then you should make your try. Here you should imagine you are facing a 4-1-4-4 distribution with two aces and a king. By this reckoning hand (i), despite having only 6 HCP, is nearly worth Four Spades. It is the double fit that makes the playing strength of the combined hands so powerful.

A jump in a minor is slightly different. Bear in mind that partner's first thoughts are likely to be directed towards a possible no-trump game. Look at these hands, again in response to a double of One Heart:

(iii)	(iv)
♠ 7 6 ♥ 7 6 3 ♦ Q 6 5 4 3 ♣ K Q 3	♠ 7 ♥ K 10 5 ♦ 6 5 4 ♣ K J 10 6 5 3

With hand (iii) Two Diamonds is enough for the moment. You will certainly bid more if given a chance, but the hand is not very suitable for playing in no-trumps and the playing strength is insufficient to suggest that five of a minor is likely if partner does not bid on. Hand (iv), by contrast, is potentially very suitable for playing in no-trumps. If partner has extra values and a club fit sufficient to hope that the suit will run, he can cue-bid Three Hearts and you will gladly bid Three No-trumps.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

RAMARAMA
a. A rude film
b. The gymnasium at JAGS
c. A tree

TAWA
a. A wind tunnel
b. A stringed instrument
c. A circular griddle

TRILBY
a. The foot
b. A special comb
c. A gardening implement

SCHOONER
a. A measure of beer
b. A pork barrel
c. A region by the Dead Sea

Answers on page 42

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Karpov wins title

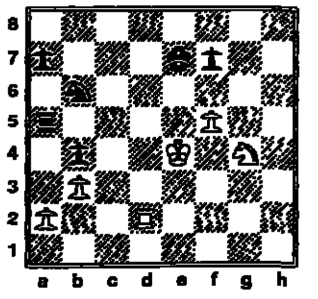
Anatoly Karpov successfully defended his Fide world championship after drawing game 18 in 80 moves against Gata Kamsky, the American grandmaster, yesterday. The game had been adjourned after 57 moves, but the draw gave Karpov the 10½ points needed to retain the title. Credit must go to Kamsky who, unlike Anand in his challenge against Kasparov last year, fought Karpov every inch of the way.

White: Gata Kamsky
Black: Anatoly Karpov
Fide world championship
Elista, Game 18, July 1996

Queen's Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	e6
3	Nf3	b6
4	g3	Ba6
5	b3	Bb4+
6	Bd2	Be7
7	Bg2	c6
8	Bc3	d5
9	Ne5	0-0
10	0-0	Bb7
11	Nd2	Na6
12	e4	c5
13	exd5	exd5
14	Re1	cxd4
15	Bxd4	Nc5
16	Ng4	dxc4
17	Nxc4	Bxg2
18	Kxg2	Nxg4
19	Qxg4	Bf6
20	Rad1	h5
21	Bxf6	hxg4
22	Bxd8	Raxd8
23	Ne3	Nd3
24	Re2	Ne5
25	Red2	Rxd2
26	Rxd2	g6
27	h3	gxh3+
28	Kxh3	Re8
29	Kg2	Kf8
30	f4	Nc6
31	Kf3	Re6
32	g4	b5
33	Rd7	Ke8
34	Rd1	Ne7
35	f5	gxf5
36	gxf5	Rc6
37	Ke4	Ng8
38	Ke5	Ra6
39	Rd2	Nf6
40	Rc2	Kd8
41	Kd4	Rb6
42	Kc5	b4
43	Kd4	Rd6+
44	Ke5	Ra6
45	Nc4	Ke7
46	Re2	Nd7+
47	Kf4+	Kf6
48	Rd2	Ke7
49	Rh2	Nb6
50	Re2+	Kf8
51	Ne3	Ra5
52	Ke4	Ke7
53	Rc2	Kd6
54	Kd4	Kd7
55	Ke4	Kd6
56	Rd2+	Ke7
57	Ng4	Game adjourned

Adjourned position



Moves 58-80 will be given on Monday.

Player of the year

The British Chess Federation player of the year award has been won by grandmaster Michael Adams.

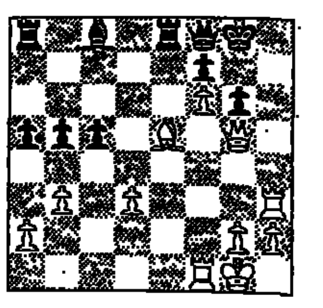
☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Gereben — Trojanescu, Budapest 1952. White has built up a threatening position on the kingside but now his rook on h3 is attacked by the black bishop. Can he do better than retreating this piece?

Solution on page 42



TENNESSEE WHISKEY

RACING: FRENCH-TRAINED SPRINTER GIVES MEMORABLE PERFORMANCE IN NEWMARKET DASH

Anabaa overwhelms July Cup rivals

By Julian Muscat

ANABAA consigned two decades of French misery to the scrapbooks when outclassing his nine opponents in the Darley July Cup at Newmarket yesterday. It was a champagne performance from a colt whose humane destruction had been recommended in his youth.

English sprinters have ruled the European roost ever since Sigy, trained, like yesterday's winner, by Criquette Head at Chantilly, landed the Prix de l'Abbaye in 1978. But so complete was Anabaa's rout of Lucayan Prince and Hever Golf Rose that it was almost worth the wait. His performance bore all the hallmarks of a champion sprinter.

The Danzig colt loitered in the lead until Mind Games threw down the gauntlet more than two furlongs from the finish. Freddie Head, riding the horse trained by his sister and owned by his mother, asked Anabaa to exert himself and the colt's response was electric.

Having dismantled Mind Games in a dozen strides, Anabaa then had to contend with Lucayan Prince, who had crept through on his inside. Once again, Anabaa's response was immediate. He accelerated to pass the winning post alone, allowing Head a moment of private celebration.

Head's riding has been the butt of many unkind jokes, which have their roots in his wayward passage aboard Lyphard in the 1972 Derby. Anabaa hardly required him to ride at his best, but Criquette gently berated her brother's treatment by the British media. "Perhaps people will not now say that Freddie is not a good jockey," she said. "For that reason, it was important to win today," she continued. "The truth is that jockeys cannot make the horses run faster."

Freddie has borne the sniping remarkably well; it was to his eternal credit that he refused to gloat in his moment of triumph. In truth, he probably acknowledged that Anabaa did everything for him. The four-year-old is an outstanding physical specimen who dripped with class from the moment he appeared in the paddock. He is versatile, too; connections are keen to try him in the Prix Jacques le Marois over the Deauville mile next month.

Criquette's father, Alec, is the mainstay behind the dynastic Head operation. The family has achieved the same continuity in its finest equine bloodlines, which have long since dominated French breeding. It necessitated the emergence of an outstanding talent in André Fabre to break their stranglehold on French racing. Alec it was who formulated Anabaa's recuperation programme, and who spotted the horse's potential at a tender age.

"I look at Sheikh Maktoum's yearlings every year," he said, "and Anabaa made a big impact as soon as I saw him. I rated him 19 out of 20 and I have never seen a 20 yet. After he recovered from his back problem, we knew he would need all of last season to recover his mind and strength. He was just a shadow of himself."

He continued: "I thought Anabaa could always do the job of a stallion teaser at our stud farm if he never fully recovered. Now I will have to find a teaser for him. This moment joins the victories of Three Troikas in the Arc and Bering in the Prix du Jockey-Club among my special memories. It has been a dream of a story from day one." All that from a man who will have forgotten more Turf highlights than most achieve in a lifetime.

It may be that Anabaa caught the principal home defenders on something of an off-day. Pivotal, the King's Stand winner and favourite yesterday, was a spent force too early to blame the sixth furlong, while Mind Games, who chased Pivotal home at Ascot, appeared lifeless and dull in the preliminaries. Lucayan Prince more than justified his connections' decision to supplement him.

But in the final analysis, the limitations of Britain's sprinters were brutally exposed by the swashbuckling French raider.

Horses on the move, page 8

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SPECIAL-K
(3.40 York)
Next best: Surprise Mission
(4.10 York)

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Anabaa, second right, wins the Darley July Cup from Lucayan Prince, far right. His triumph is captured on a giant television screen next to the course

Handicapper in dock as Fahim franks the form

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

AN UNRESERVED apology is due to Luca Cumani, Michael Kerr-Dineen and Lord de la Warr, the trainer and joint owners of Crown Court, whose runaway success in the big handicap at Newmarket on Tuesday aroused so much controversy. But do not expect a mass eating of humble pie.

When Crown Court made mincemeat of 18 rivals on his handicap debut, the uninformed vultures sensed an easy kill. The five-length success could mean only one thing. Not to put too fine a point on it, they accused Cumani of not having run the horse on its merits in previous races in order to obtain a lenient handicap mark.

Ignoring the assessment of Crown Court by respected private handicappers, including *Timeform*, which suggested the three-year-old had every chance of winning the Newmarket race, the indignation of those affronted by what they perceived to be a breach of the rules of racing reached boiling point. The Jockey Club had to review the race, they stormed. Officials from Portman Square succumbed meekly.

Forty eight hours after the uproar, the real "culprit" — and that is far too strong a word — emerged. Step forward Dominic Gardiner-Hill, the British Horseracing Board handicapper, who has the unenviable task of assessing unexposed horses like Crown Court.

Gardiner-Hill is a talented handicapper and a likeable man. But he is human and, like the rest of us, is prone to the occasional error. When Crown Court finished third in what appeared to be an ordinary maiden at Beverley in early June, he decided the horses involved were nothing special and rated them accordingly. Events at Newmarket yesterday confirmed he was badly mistaken.

Fahim, the horse who beat Crown Court in the Beverley race, trotted up in the Hare Park Handicap, despite being officially rated nearly a stone higher than Crown Court. The result was a further embarrassment to Gardiner-Hill, who has also seen the second horse in the Beverley race win by a wide margin, while the fourth horse has won four races since chasing home Fahim.

"Who would be a handicapper?" Alec Stewart, trainer of Fahim, asked. "They get slated by us most of the time and, when things go right, they don't get thanked for fear of what may happen in future.

"I have always thought mine is a nice horse but, when I saw the horse second to us at Beverley being put in a claimer, I wondered if I had misjudged mine.

"Sometimes the handicapper has a very hard task. I have long thought there should be many alternatives to handicappers because it is very hard to make a judgement on a horse that has only run a few times."

No such controversy surrounded the success of the Neil Graham-trained Crumpton Hill in the Bunbury Cup. Dropping back a furlong after a third in the Royal Hunt Cup, he showed the benefit of swimming to prevent stiffness as he overtook Rabican inside the final 100 yards.

YORK

THUNDERER

2.05 Son Of Sharp Shot
2.40 Hi Nod
3.10 Welsh Mist
3.40 Sue's Return
4.10 **SEA-DEER** (nap)
4.40 Flaming West

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.05 Count Basie. 3.40 Kamari.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.05 TIM HODGSON KEY OF THE DOOR RATED HANDICAP
(£8,300: 1m 3f 195yd) (9 runners)

101	(7)	406-020	SON OF SHARP SHOT 23 (D,F,G,S) (Windflower Hold'gs) J Dunlop 6-9-9	Pat Eddery	97
102	(4)	1210-44	TINASHAAN 12 (D,F,G) (Mrs J McAlister) J Fanshawe 4-9-4	D Harrison	98
103	(6)	5244-06	ENGLISH INVADER 51 (D,S) (M Blackburn) R Akehurst 5-8-10	J Weaver	95
104	(8)	01315/0	PETER QUINCE 21 (D,F,G,S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 6-8-9	W Ryan	–
105	(5)	160-002	MY LEARNED FRIEND 23 (D,F,G) (Mrs J Roberts) A Hide 5-8-9	J Reid	99
106	(3)	2-00003	ROMIOS 27 (G,S) (C Shiacolas) P Cole 4-8-9	T Quinn	97
107	(1)	611560	REMAADI SUN 13 (CD,F) (T Barker) M Usher 4-8-9	R Street	92
108	(2)	3-52021	THREE HILLS 13 (G) (K Abdulla) B Hills 3-7-12	W Carson	98
109	(9)	2310	COUNT BASIE 22 (F) (Lucayan Stud) H Cecil 3-7-12	A McGlone	96

BETTING: 3-1 Son Of Sharp Shot, 7-2 Three Hills, 9-2 My Learned Friend, Count Basie, 5-1 Tinashaan, 6-1 English Invader, 8-1 Romios, 10-1 others

1995: TENORIO 3-9-7 L Dettori (7-2 jt-fav) D Loder 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

SON OF SHARP SHOT head 3rd of 9 to Backgammon in handicap at Epsom (1m 4f, good). TINASHAAN 5¾l 4th of 5 to Florid in conditions race at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm). MY LEARNED FRIEND 3l 2nd of 20 to Tykeyvor in handicap at Ascot (1m 4f, good to firm) with REMAADI (2lb worse off) 4½l 6th and SON OF SHARP SHOT (5lb better off) 6½l 14th. ROMIOS 5l 3rd of 14 to Make A Stand in lady riders' handicap over course and distance (good). THREE HILLS beat Berenice 1¾l in 9-runner maiden at Doncaster (1m 2f 60yd, good). COUNT BASIE beat Kitty Kitty Cancan 1¼l in 15-runner maiden auction at Windsor (1m 2f, good to firm).

Selection: THREE HILLS

2.40 WWAV NORTH 10TH ANNIVERSARY STAKES
C4

(Conditions race: £9,098: 7f) (4 runners)

201	(3)	04-0214	GREEN PERFUME 21 (C,BF,F,G) (Lord Sondes) P Cole 4-9-5	T Quinn	99
202	(1)	33-0202	BEHAVIOUR 35 (CD,F) (J Stone) Mrs J Cecil 4-9-1	J Reid	92
203	(4)	1201-12	HI NOD 29 (C,BF,F,G) (B Nordan) M Camacho 6-9-1	L Charnock	94
204	(2)	624-21	SABOT 24 (F) (J Hanson) B Hills 3-8-8	Pat Eddery	80

BETTING: 7-4 Green Perfume, 9-4 Behaviour, 11-4 Hi Nod, 7-2 Sabot.

1995: CHARNWOOD FOREST 3-8-8 M J Kinane (30-100 fav) H Cecil 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

GREEN PERFUME 1l and neck 4th of 29 to Emerging Market in handicap at Ascot (6f, good to firm). BEHAVIOUR 1¼l 2nd of 8 to Blomberg in gp III Vodafone Diomed Stakes at Epsom (1m 114yd, good). HI NOD short-head 2nd of 6 to Everglades in handicap at Newbury (7f, good to firm). SABOT beat Abe 3½l in 8-runner maiden at Thirsk (7f, good to firm).

Selection: GREEN PERFUME

3.10 MANCHESTER-SINGAPORE SUMMER STAKES
C4

(Listed race: £13,041: 6f) (8 runners)

301	(8)	012061	BRANSTON ABBY 8 (CD,F,G,S) (J Abell) M Johnston 7-9-4	M Roberts	99
302	(1)	114234	CARRANITA 13 (C,D,F,G,S) (Lamb Lane Associates) B Palling 6-9-4	T Sprake	95
303	(3)	00-0361	DARING DESTINY 14 (B,D,F,G,S) (Mrs A Wright) K Burke 5-9-4	J Tate	84
304	(7)	210-1	MY CADEAUX 39 (D,F) (C Mills) R Guest 4-9-0	D Harrison	80
305	(2)	50-3013	WARNING STAR 13 (D,F) (S Crown) B Hills 4-9-0	Pat Eddery	89
306	(6)	00-6005	WELSH MIST 14 (B,CD,F,G) (P Asquith) R Boss 5-9-0	W Ryan	86
307	(5)	123-010	PLEASE SUZANNE 23 (D,F) (Mohamed Suhail) R Hannon 3-8-8	R Doyle	88
308	(4)	2125-3	PRANCING 14 (BF,F) (Cheveley Park Stud) D Loder 3-8-8	T Quinn	83

BETTING: 5-2 Branston Abby, 3-1 Warning Star, 9-2 Carranita, 8-1 Daring Destiny, Prancing, 10-1 Welsh Mist, 12-1 others

1995: TAJANNUB 3-8-7 L Dettori (5-1) R Armstrong 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

BRANSTON ABBY beat Monaassib ½l in 6-runner conditions race at Yarmouth (7f, good to firm). DARING DESTINY beat Silent Expression 2½l in 7-runner conditions race at Newmarket (6f, good) with PRANCING (8lb better off) 1¾l 3rd and WELSH MIST (4lb better off) 2l 5th. MY CADEAUX beat Mister Jolson 2½l in 9-runner rating related stakes at Windsor (6f, good to firm). WARNING STAR 3l 3rd of 10 to disqualified Ildamal in listed race at Newcastle (6f, firm) with CARRANITA 1¼l 4th and BRANSTON ABBY 1¼l 6th. PLEAZE SUZANNE beat Baize 1¼l in 9-runner conditions race at Kempton (6f good to firm). PRANCING neck 2nd of 6 to Anihella in conditions race at Yarmouth (6f, good) last year.

Selection: DARING DESTINY

3.40 HEARTHSTEAD HOMES HANDICAP
C4

(£7,895: 7f 202yd) (9 runners)

401	(8)	24-3050	COURAGEOUS DANCER 18 (G) (Abdullah Ali) B Hanbury 4-9-10	J Stack	91
402	(3)	513600	QUEENS CONSUL 7 (D,F,G) (Miss H Davison) B Rothwell 6-9-10	M Fenton	98
403	(9)	5-221	KAMARI 20 (D,F) (H Al Maktoum) A Stewart 3-9-6	W Carson	90
404	(7)	003-600	SUE'S RETURN 33 (S) (A Morton) A Jarvis 4-9-4	W J O'Connor	99
405	(5)	2/0023-6	MISS HAVERSHAM 15 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-9-0	K Fallon	90
406	(1)	522115	BOLLIN FRANK 20 (D,F,S) (Sir Neil Westbrook) T Easterby 4-8-11	M Birch	96
407	(2)	45-6421	GIVE ME A RING 6 (D,F) (G Reed) C Thornton 3-8-8 (5ex)	D McKeown	96
408	(6)	0-03102	MBULWA 12 (D,F,G,S) (Northumbria Leisure Ltd) R Fahey 10-8-6	L Charnock	95
409	(4)	31-4004	SPECIAL-K 30 (D,F,G) (G Falshaw) E Weymes 4-8-2	D Harrison	93

BETTING: 7-2 Mbulwa, 4-1 Kamari, Give Me A Ring, 9-2 Bollin Frank, 5-1 Courageous Dancer, 6-1 Special-K, 12-1 Miss Haversham, 16-1 others

1995: BEHAVIOUR 3-9-5 Paul Eddery (10-11 fav) Mrs J Cecil 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

COURAGEOUS DANCER 6¼l 8th of 10 to Cyrano's Lad in handicap at Chester (6f, good to firm). KAMARI beat Mr Gold 25l in 3-runner maiden at Redcar (1m, firm). MISS HAVERSHAM 15½l 6th of 10 to Bakheta in handicap at Newbury (1m 2f, good to firm). BOLLIN FRANK 5l 5th of 9 to Faateq in handicap at Redcar (1m 2f, firm) with MBULWA (5lb worse off) 1l 8th. Previously beat Moving Arrow neck in 9-runner handicap at Haydock (1m, good to soft) with QUEENS CONSUL (5lb better off) 1¼l 3rd and COURAGEOUS DANCER (6lb better off) 6l 5th. GIVE ME A RING beat Eric's Bet 1¼l in 10-runner handicap at Beverley (1m 100yd, good to firm). MBULWA short-head 2nd of 11 to New Century in handicap at Doncaster (1m, good to firm) with QUEENS CONSUL (6lb better off) 36l 10th.

Selection: KAMARI

4.10 ANTHONY FAWCETT MEMORIAL HANDICAP
C4

(£8,285: 5f) (22 runners)

501	(20)	34030-0	SAINT EXPRESS 14 (CD,F,G) (D Hall) Mrs M Reveley 6-10-0	K Darley	90
502	(16)	15124/0	FEMME SAVANTE 41 (F) (N Ahamad) R Hannon 4-9-11	W J O'Connor	–
503	(3)	0-03061	TWICE AS SHARP 14 (D,F,G) (Formula Twelve) P Harris 4-9-6	Pat Eddery	95
504	(15)	012286	PORTEND 6 (B,D,G,S) (D Bowring) S Bowring 4-9-6	D McKeown	97
505	(22)	54231-0	COASTAL BLUFF 21 (D,F,S) (Mrs D Sharp) T Barron 4-9-4	J Fortune	90
506	(4)	3600-30	PERRYSTON VIEW 55 (V,D,F,G,S) (Mrs J MacPherson) P Calver 4-9-4	M Birch	97
507	(6)	60-0424	TEDBURROW 14 (D,F,G) (P Davies) Mrs A Naughton 4-9-1	A Culhane	93
508	(17)	120041	LAGO DI VARANO 12 (V,D,F,G,S) (The PBT Group) R Whitaker 4-9-1	W Ryan	95
509	(13)	2/400-04	CROFTERS CEILIDH 10 (CD,F) (Mrs M Meddings) B McMahon 4-9-1	J Reid	90
510	(18)	456206	LADY SHERIFF 16 (CD,F,G) (E Mangan) R Hollinshead 5-8-13	F Lynch (3)	97
511	(9)	0-00001	FOR THE PRESENT 21 (F,G) (Mrs J Hazell) T Barron 6-8-13	L Charnock	94
512	(2)	0-40000	MASTER OF PASSION 8 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Keree) J Eustace 7-8-12	M Tebbutt	96
513	(19)	411112	SEA-DEER 16 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Bloding Matters Ltd) C Dwyer 7-8-12	M Roberts	99
514	(10)	4/05003	LAUREL DELIGHT 12 (CD,F,G) (Laurel (Leisure) Ltd) J Berry 6-8-12	P Roberts (5)	85
515	(11)	10-0200	SWYNFORD DREAM 33 (D,F,G) (Dualitar Holdings) J Bottomley 3-8-9	J Lowe	91
516	(21)	043210	INSIDER TRADER 12 (CD,F,G) (Mrs H Carr) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-7	H K Yim (3)	96
517	(12)	00-1505	STOLEN KISS 45 (B,D,F,S) (ROM Racing) M W Easterby 4-8-6	T Quinn	93
518	(14)	13-0530	SURPRISE MISSION 12 (D,BF,F,G) (D Brotherton) Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-5	K Fallon	98
519	(5)	000330	LA SUQUET 7 (D,BF,F) (B Buckley) N Tinkler 4-7-11	J Quinn	95
520	(8)	360521	SHADOW JURY 3 (B,D,F,G,S) (J Chapman) D Chapman 6-7-11 (7ex)	Dale Gibson	95
521	(1)	10-0032	PREMIUM GIFT 12 (D,G) (A Lyons) C Booth 4-7-10	Martin Dwyer (5)	88
522	(7)	000316	RICH GLOW 3 (D,F,S) (M Bateson) N Bycroft 5-7-10 (7ex)	Darren Moffatt (3)	89

Long handicap: Rich Glow 7-4

BETTING: 8-1 Twice As Sharp, 9-1 Lago Di Varano, 10-1 Coastal Bluff, For The Present, 12-1 Premium Gift, Laurel Delight, Tedburrow, Saint Express, 14-1 others

1995: LADY SHERIFF 4-7-2 P Fessey (9-2) M Easterby 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

TWICE AS SHARP beat Ziggy's Dancer 1½l in 12-runner handicap at Newcastle (5f, firm) with TEDBURROW (6lb better off) 1¼l 4th and SAINT EXPRESS (8lb better off) 4¾l 6th. COASTAL BLUFF beat Fire Dome neck in 24-runner handicap at Ascot (5f, soft) with LADY SHERIFF 2l 5th, LAGO DI VARANO (11lb better off) 6¼l 9th, STOLEN KISS 4¼l 14th and TWICE AS SHARP (2lb worse off) 12l last. LAGO DI VARANO beat PREMIUM GIFT (6lb worse off) head in 10-runner handicap at Doncaster (5f, good to firm) with LAUREL DELIGHT (1lb better off) short-head 3rd, SHADOW JURY (5lb worse off) ¾l and head 5th, SURPRISE MISSION (3lb better off) 2¼l 8th and INSIDER TRADER (2lb better off) 4l last. FOR THE PRESENT beat Green Barnes ¾l in 8-runner handicap at Redcar (6f, firm) with LAGO DI VARANO (3lb better off) 1¼l 4th. INSIDER TRADER beat Kalar 1¼l in 11-runner handicap at Ripon (5f, good to firm) with SHADOW JURY (1lb worse off) 2¼l 7th. SHADOW JURY beat Spender short-head in 11-runner handicap at Newmarket (5f, good to firm) with RICH GLOW (1lb better off) 2l 6th.

Selection: TWICE AS SHARP

4.40 GO RACING IN YORKSHIRE MAURITIUS MILE MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,581: 6f 214yd) (5 runners)

601	(4)	2	FLAMING WEST 15 (BF) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 9-0	W Ryan	92
602	(2)		LEVITICUS (Mrs S L Worthington) T Tate 9-0	A Culhane	–
603	(3)	30	REHEARSAL 3 (V) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-0	K Fallon	85
604	(5)		SHOUMATARA (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0	J Reid	–
605	(1)	02	STURGEON 13 (M Arbib) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	99

BETTING: 5-4 Sturgeon, 7-4 Shoumatara, 9-4 Flaming West, 25-1 Leviticus, 33-1 Rehearsal

1995: VILAYET 9-0 M J Kinane (8-13 fav) H Cecil 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

FLAMING WEST 5l 2nd of 7 to Juwwi in maiden at Newbury (6f, good to firm) with REHEARSAL 21¼l 3rd. REHEARSAL 19l 9th of 11 to Bahhare in maiden at Newmarket (7f, good). SHOUMATARA (foaled Mar 14). By Seeking The Gold, half-brother to juvenile sprint winner in America, dam winner in America. STURGEON 2¾l 2nd of 10 to Benny The Dip in maiden at Newmarket (7f good).

Selection: FLAMING WEST

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	26	96	27.1	Pat Eddery	39	202	19.3
E Weymes	5	19	26.3	W Ryan	16	94	17.0
D Loder	6	26	23.1	W Carson	33	207	15.9
P Cole	17	83	20.5	J Tate	3	21	14.3
J Dunlop	17	87	19.5	J Reid	18	156	11.5
M Stoute	23	127	18.1	T Quinn	13	119	10.9

Special-K can defy rise in class

YORK
CHANNEL 4

2.40: Behaviour won over course and distance last year and recorded his best performance when chasing home Blomberg in a group three race at Epsom. This is a drop in class and he may pose the biggest threat to **Green Perfume**, who ran particularly well in the Wokingham over an inadequate six furlongs. He seems back to something like his two-year-old form, which saw him finish second in the Dewhurst. Hi Nod is best over seven furlongs while Sabot's easy Thirsk win came in a weak race.

3.10: Mark Johnston looks to have found a good opportunity for Branston Abby, who won well at Yarmouth eight days ago. However, her high draw and, more significantly, the possibility of no strong early pace, puts me off her. On her previous start she finished two lengths behind **Warning Star** at Newcastle and Barry Hills's runner reopposes on identical terms so must go close.

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

3.40: Special-K won three claimers last year but has yet to triumph in handicap company. However, she looks worth risking on the balance of her form. She was outpaced early at Beverley last time and appeared to slip at least once. With the front-running Bollin Frank likely to set a decent pace, she can pounce late. Mbulwa is no back number, as he showed when winning at Epsom last month.

4.10: Twice As Sharp's three victories have all come on tracks with stiff finishes so the well drawn winner of the Gosforth Park Cup may struggle here. Premium Gift was unlucky last time when splitting Lago Di Varano and Laurel Delight but reopposes on worse terms, being 6lb out of the handicap. **Surprise Mission** finished eighth in that race at Doncaster but was badly drawn and is better judged on a previous effort over course and distance.

Richard Evans

HAMILTON PARK

THUNDERER

6.45 Talented Ting. 7.15 Three Arch Bridge. 7.45 Densben. 8.15 Robec Girl. 8.45 Northern Spark. 9.15 Lawn Order.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.45 SUNDAY MAIL AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP
(£2,766: 1m 1f 36yd) (9 runners)

1	5026	COMMANDER GLEN 3 (F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 4-12-0	Miss E Ramsden (5) 9
2	0022	TALENTED TING 25 (V,CD,F,G) P Haslam 7-12-0	C Bonner 5
3	-200	NEW ALBION 16 (F) Miss Z Green 5-11-11	A Balding 7
4	4431	GIFTBOX 7 (CD,G,S) M Prescott 4-11-11 (5ex)	P Scott (3) 1
5	-541	SUPER SERENADE 10 (F,G) G Balding 7-11-10 (5ex)	J Thatcher (5) 3
6	3431	GOLD BLADE 3 (C,F,G) J Pearce 7-11-8 (5ex)	Mrs L Pearce 2
7	4600	HUTCHIES LADY 14 (C,S) R McKellar 4-10-6	Mrs C Williams (7) 8
8	2005	LANGTONIAN 7 (B,C,G) J Eyre 7-10-1	Miss Diana Jones 6
9	000/	BLACK AND BLUES 846P J Goldie 10-9-12	Miss P Robson 4

5-2 Talented Ting, 3-1 Giftbox, 4-1 Gold Blade, 9-2 Super Serenade, 8-1 Commander Glen, 10-1 Langtonian

7.15 SCOTTISHPOWER TROPHY HANDICAP
(£3,966: 1m 65yd) (9)

1	2523	CASHMERE LADY 12 (D,BF,G) J Eyre 4-9-11	R Lappin 6
2	3100	THREE ARCH BRIDGE 11 (B,CD,F,G) M Johnston 4-9-3	J Fanning 1
3	3004	BEST OF ALL 8 (D,F,S) J Berry 4-9-2	J Carroll 8
4	-501	IMPULSIVE AIR 18 (F,G) E Weymes 4-8-9	M Tebbutt 7
5	00-0	CELEBRATION CAKE 4 (D,F) Miss L Perratt 4-8-5	D McKeown 4
6	121-	ROOD MUSIC 224 (D,F,G) M Meagher 5-8-4	K Fallon 9
7	0000	KING CURAN 30 (CD,F,G,S) D Haydn Jones 5-8-1	A Mackay 2
8	0001	GENEROUS PRESENT 15 (D,F) J Payne 3-7-10	D Wright (3) 5
9	005	RAISE A RIPPLE 55 Mrs D Thomson 3-7-10	Darren Moffatt (3) 3

3-1 Impulsive Air, 7-2 Generous Present, 9-2 Cashmere Lady, 5-1 Rood Music, 7-1 Best Of All, 8-1 King Curan, 10-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Prescott, 10 winners from 35 runners, 28.6%. Mrs M Reveley, 32 from 151, 21.2%. P Haslam, 24 from 118, 20.3%. M Johnston, 32 from 174, 18.4%. J Berry, 44 from 246, 17.9%.

JOCKEYS: Mrs L Pearce, 3 winners from 5 rides, 60.0%. M Tebbutt, 3 from 14, 21.4%. R Lappin, 6 from 34, 17.6%. J Carroll, 38 from 224, 17.0%. R Havlin, 7 from 45, 15.6%. D McKeown, 22 from 152, 14.5%.

7.45 FIELD & LAWN (MARQUEES) LTD SELLING STAKES
(£2,500: 6f 5yd) (10)

1	0000	ANOTHER EPISODE 6 (F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 7-9-6	M Tebbutt 8
2	0566	DENSBEN 25 (C,D,F,G,S) Denys Smith 12-9-6	K Fallon 1
3	0202	DIET 4 (V,CD,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 10-9-6	J Carroll
4	1003	TROPICAL BEACH 10 (C,G) J Berry 3-9-6	Joanne Webster (7) 4
5	0006	ULTRA BEET 46 (B,CD,F,G) P Haslam 4-9-6	D McKeown 9
6	4004	ANOTHER NIGHTMARE 8 (C,S) R McKellar 4-9-1	R Lappin 6
7	1-30	MASAFAH 13 (D,G) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-1	S Copp (5) 7
8	2	AMYLOU 7 R Allan 3-8-9	J Fanning 5
9	60	MESSALINA 13 B Mactaggart 3-8-9	G Lee (5) 10
10	0030	NATURAL KEY 30 (D,F) D Haydn Jones 3-8-9	A Mackay 2

9-4 Masafah, 4-1 Diet, 9-2 Tropical Beach, 6-1 Ultra Beet, 7-1 Another Episode, 8-1 Densben, 10-1 Amylou, 12-1 others.

8.15 SCOTTISHPOWER CLASSIC NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £3,171: 5f 4yd) (6)

1	312	ROBEC GIRL 25 (D,BF,G) J Berry 9-7	J Carroll 6
2	21	TAZIBARI 70 (CD,S) D Moffatt 9-3	Darren Moffatt (3) 1
3	320	RED ROMANCE 30 Denys Smith 9-2	K Fallon 3
4	5402	PLAN FOR PROFIT 13 M Johnston 8-11	J Fanning 2
5	3066	THE FOUR ISLES 11 D Haydn Jones 8-11	A Mackay 4
6	2048	CANTSAYNOWT 8 R McKellar 7-10	Dale Gibson 5

5-4 Robec Girl, 7-2 Tazibari, 6-1 Red Romance, Plan For Profit, 7-1 The Four Isles, 12-1 Cantsaynowt

8.45 JUDGE CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,535: 1m 3f 16yd) (6)

1	0306	LATVIAN 15 (C,D,F,G) R Allan 9-9-12	K Fallon 1
2	000-	NORTH BEAR Mrs S Smith 4-9-10	P Bloomfield 3
3	0000	JABAROOT 7 (F) R McKellar 5-9-6	D McGaffin (7) 4
4	5222	MITHRAIC 4 (BF) W Cunningham 4-9-6	R Havlin (5) 2
5	1653	NORTHERN SPARK 7 (C,F,G) Miss L Perratt 8-9-2	J Carroll 5
6	6060	FUNNY ROSE 4 (D,F) P Monteith 6-8-3	S D Williams 6

7-4 Latvian, 2-1 Mithraic, 7-2 Northern Spark, 7-1 Jabaroot, 12-1 Funny Rose, 16-1 North Bear.

9.15 JOE PUNTER MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£2,878: 1m 4f 17yd) (10)

1	0/0-	TRYPH 58J M Hammond 4-9-10	Dale Gibson 5
2	0030	TIROLS TYRANT 4 Mrs A Swinbank 3-9-8	J Fanning 7
3	0005	GOLD LINING 8 E Alston 3-9-5	D Wright (3) 1
4	002	NEWBRIDGE BOY 28 (BF) M Meagher 3-9-5	J Carroll 6
5	0000	NEVER TIME 8 Mrs V Aconley 4-9-1	M Deering 8
6	-0-0	MAMLOUK 21 J Payne 4-9-1	M Tebbutt 10
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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Newmarket

Going: good to firm, last 6f good

2.05 (7f) 1, **RECONDITE** (K Darley, 14-1); 2, **Bogum** (Pat Eddery, 5-1); 3, **Simple Logic** (T Sprake, 7-1). ALSO RAN: Evens fav Makhbor (5th), 11-2 Shimazu (4th), 20 Milroy (6th). 6 ran. 1½l, 6l, 3l, 1¼l, 5l. M Channon at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £16.10; £3.30, £2.20. DF: £32.80. CSF: £68.13.

2.35 (1m 6f 175yd) 1, **PERSIAN PUNCH** (T Quinn, 3-1); 2, **Athenry** (G Bardwell, 3-1); 3, **Arnhem** (B Doyle, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Valedictory (4th), 5 Maltawan (5th), 10 Flytisher (6th). 6 ran. 1¾l, 9l, 6l, 2l, 5l. D Elsworth at Whitcombe. Tote: £3.70; £1.60, £1.90. DF: £3.90. CSF: £11.15.

3.05 (1m) 1, **FAHIM** (W Carson, 2-1 fav); 2, **Winston** (Martin Dwyer, 33-1); 3, **Censor** (W Ryan, 14-1); 4, **Al Abraq** (D Holland, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Sabrak, 9 Strazo, 12 Al Shadeedah, Nasrudin, She's My Love (5th), 14 Polar Prospect, Sky Dome, 16 Slip Jig, 20 Alhewa, Final Stab, The Dilettanti, 33 Amber Fort, Kala Sunrise (6th), Mancini, Sistar Act, Sualtach. 20 ran. 3l, 1¼l, 1¼l, ¾l, nk. A Stewart at Newmarket. Tote: £3.40; £1.70, £4.60, £3.30, £7.10. DF: £70.90. Trio: £379.50. CSF: £76.85. Tricast: £732.61.

3.40 (6f) 1, **ANABAA** (F Head, 11-4); 2, **Lucayan Prince** (R Hughes, 9-1); 3, **Hever Golf Rose** (Pat Eddery, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Pivotal (6th), 7 Danehill Dancer (5th), 15-2 Mind Games, 16 Ildamal (4th), 20 Gothenberg, 25 Lucky Lionel, 40 Cool Jazz. 10 ran. 1½l, 3l, sh hd, sh hd, hd. Mrs C Head at France. Tote: £3.60; £1.80, £2.50, £2.40. DF: £23.10. Trio: £100.60. CSF: £25.24.

4.10 (7f) 1, **CRUMPTON HILL** (M Roberts, 7-1); 2, **Rabican** (P Robinson, 11-1); 3, **Mullitover** (W Woods, 20-1); 4, **Almuhimm** (R Hills, 4-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Polar Prince, 8 Saseedo, 12 Emerging Market, 14 Akil, Everglades, Monaassab, Nouwest, 16 Czarna, How Long (5th), Patsy Grimes, 33 Scharnhorst, Silent Expression (6th). 16 ran. NR: New Century. ½l, ½l, hd, 1l, 1¼l. N Graham at Newmarket. Tote: £8.80; £2.30, £3.30, £3.40, £1.80. DF: £85.40. Trio: £481.50. CSF: £77.42. Tricast: £1,409.27.

4.45 (6f) 1, **GRAPESHOT** (J Weaver, 9-2); 2, **Bahamian Bounty** (O Peslier, 8-1); 3, **Kumait** (M J Kinane, Evens fav). ALSO RAN: 8 Shaddad, 10 Bold Oriental, 14 Compatibility, 20 Shuwaikh (6th), Whiz Hot, 33 Foot A Line, Musical Pursuit (5th), Shadow Lead (4th), Test The Water, 50 A Breeze. 13 ran. Nk, 1¾l, 3½l, 2½l, 1¼l. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £6.90; £2.00, £2.60, £1.30. DF: £29.40. Trio: £14.70. CSF: £40.78.

Jackpot: £48,703.50 (0.50 winning tickets; pool of £34,298.24 carried forward to York today).

Placepot: £101.50. **Quadpot:** £15.70.

Wolverhampton

Going: standard

2.20 (1m 6f 166yd) 1, **Etterby Park** (J Fanning, 1-3 fav); 2, Heighth Of Fame (16-1); 3, Ready To Draw (10-1). 5 ran. 2½l, 17l. M Johnston. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £1.80, £1.40. DF: £4.40. CSF: £6.09. Tricast: £20.82.

2.50 (7f) 1, **Mirani** (K Fallon, 14-1); 2, Ethbaal (4-11 fav); 3, Have A Nightcap (16-1). 9 ran. Nk, 8l. D Murray Smith. Tote: £12.80; £2.90, £1.10, £1.70. DF: £4.50. CSF: £18.96.

3.25 (6f) 1, **Rudimental** (R Perham, 5-2); 2, Ricasso (9-4 fav); 3, Summer Queen (100-30). 12 ran. ½l, ½l. M Prescott. Tote: £4.20; £1.40, £1.10, £1.50. DF: £5.90. Trio: £2.20. CSF: £8.21.

3.55 (6f) 1, **Princess Efisio** (N Varley, 9-2); 2, Vax New Way (2-1); 3, Splicing (7-4 fav). 8 ran. 5l, 2½l. B McMahon. Tote: £8.20; £2.90, £2.80, £1.10. DF: £25.20. CSF: £14.88. Tricast: £19.74.

4.30 (5f) 1, **Come Too Mamma's** (G Carter, 2-1); 2, Advance Repro (5-1); 3, Dancing Star (16-1). Just Loui 6-4 fav. 9 ran. Hd, 2½l. J Berry. Tote: £3.50; £1.00, £3.40, £7.90. DF: £6.50. Trio: £41.40. CSF: £14.10. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood. No bid.

5.00 (1m 100yd) 1, **Portite Sophie** (D Carlisle, 14-1); 2, Sis Garden (5-2); 3, Mystical Maid (2-1 fav). 12 ran. 1½l, 2l. M Brittain. Tote: £13.70; £4.30, £1.60, £1.30. DF: £49.10. Trio: £19.40. CSF: £55.49. Tricast: £102.67.

5.30 (7f) 1, **Borge** (T Ives, 1-2 fav); 2, Muchi Grumble (10-1); 3, Souperficial (9-1). 9 ran. 1½l, hd. W O'Gorman. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £1.80, £2.70. DF: £7.30. Trio: £13.30. CSF: £7.84.

Placepot: £3.50.

Quadpot: £2.80.

Wednesday's late details

Kempton Park

Going: good to firm, firm in places

6.30 (6f) 1, **Raindancing** (P Eddery, 11-4); 2, Isle Of Man (Evens fav); 3, Marsad (11-1). 16 ran. 3l, sh hd. R Hannon. Tote: £3.50; £1.50, £1.40, £3.20. DF: £2.10. Trio: £8.00. CSF: £6.30.

7.00 (1m 4f) 1, **Time Allowed** (J Reid, 2-1 fav); 2, Jiyush (6-1); 3, Renzo (3-1). 13 ran. NR: Caballus. 1¼l, 2l. M Stoute. Tote: £3.30; £1.60, £1.90, £2.30. DF: £7.90. Trio: £14.30. CSF: £14.66. After a stewards' inquiry result stood.

7.30 (7f) 1, **Soaring** (D R McCabe, 10-1); 2, Victory Team (11-2); 3, Captain (4-1 fav). 15 ran. NR: Great Hall, Safey Ana. Sh hd, ½l. P Burgoyne. Tote: £10.50; £2.50, £2.20, £1.90. DF: £48.60. Trio: £116.00. CSF: £59.03. Tricast: £240.59.

8.00 (1m 2f) 1, **Grand Selection** (M Fenton, 25-1); 2, Easy Listening (12-1); 3, Formidable Partner (20-1); 4, Knockie (20-1). Fahs 9-4 fav. 16 ran. ½l, nk. M Bell. Tote: £33.20; £5.80, £2.60, £3.90, £4.60. DF: £237.00. Trio: £551.40. CSF: £294.36. Tricast: £5,539.09.

8.30 (6f) 1, **Law Commission** (T Quinn, 4-1); 2, Spaniards Close (6-5 fav); 3, Sing Up (10-1). 9 ran. 2l, ½l. D Elsworth. Tote: £4.60; £1.90, £1.50, £1.70. DF: £4.30. Trio: £15.90. CSF: £8.57.

9.00 (1m) 1, **Sharp Rebuff** (P Eddery, 3-1 fav); 2, Thames Side (7-1); 3, Mystic Dawn (11-2). 9 ran. NR: Enchanted Guest. 2l, ½l. P Makin. Tote: £3.70; £1.90, £1.80, £1.90. DF: £12.80. CSF: £22.30. Tricast: £100.11. After a stewards' inquiry, the result stood.

Placepot: £45.20.

Quadpot: £24.70.

Worcester

Going: good to firm

6.45 (2m 4f) 1, *Sparts Fault* (R Guest, 25-1); 2, Mullies (14-1); 3, Proteins (5-1). Elly Fleetfoot 5-2 fav. 14 ran. NR: Crown Ivory. 6l, 2½l. P Eccles. Tote: £49.90; £6.70, £4.50, £1.10. DF: £540.50. Trio: not won. CSF: £303.39.

7.15 (3m) 1, **Little Tincture** (S Mitchell, 5-1); 2, Palace Parade (5-2); 3, Mountain Leader (20-1). Valesky 9-4 fav. 7 ran. 1½l, 11l. Mrs T McInnes Skinner. Tote: £7.50; £1.90, £3.70. DF: £9.90. CSF: £17.99.

7.45 (2m 7f) 1, *Evangelica* (D Bridgwater, 6-1); 2, The Blue Boy (16-1); 3, Menature (10-1); 4, Rusty Bridge (20-1). Futircheon Gale 11-4 fav. 20 ran. 1½l, 6l. M Pipe. Tote: £10.00; £3.40, £5.30, £3.70, £4.20. DF: £142.60. Trio: £123.00. CSF: £102.68. Tricast: £917.52.

8.15 (2m) 1, **Routing** (C Maude, 16-1); 2, El Grando (20-1); 3, Out Ranking (13-2). Fisio Sands 5-2 fav. 13 ran. NR: Mim-Lou-And. 8l, 11l. N Ayliffe. Tote: £24.90; £6.00, £4.80, £2.70. DF: £175.20. Trio: not won. CSF: £277.67. Tricast: £2,108.36.

8.45 (2m) 1, **Stately Home** (A P McCoy, 4-1); 2, Pontoon Bridge (8-11 fav); 3, Nord Valley (7-2). 7 ran. NR: Aigaiawaean. 5l, ¾l. P Bowen. Tote: £5.00; £1.40, £1.50. DF: £3.60. CSF: £7.25.

9.15 (2m) 1, **Kailash** (D Bridgwater, 5-2); 2, Marlousion (10-1); 3, Powerful Spirit (9-1). Swynford King 7-4 fav. 15 ran. 4l, 5l. M Pipe. Tote: £4.10; £2.90, £2.80. DF: £14.30. Trio: £78.80. CSF: £25.97.

Placepot: £3,640.50.

Quadpot: £73.10.

Sweeney escapes injury as mount falls

FERGUS SWEENEY, the apprentice jockey, was fortunate to escape serious injury in a fall at Wolverhampton yesterday. His mount, Just Loui, clipped the heels of Tinker's Surprise in the Selmeston Selling Stakes, throwing Sweeney to the ground. After being taken to the racecourse medical room on a stretcher, Sweeney was found to have suffered no serious injuries but was taken to nearby Newcross Hospital for precautionary X-rays.

The race went to the Jack Berry-trained Come Too Mamma's, who got the better of a sustained tussle with Advance Repro inside the final furlong to win by a head.

Mark Prescott, out of luck with Pivotal in the July Cup, enjoyed better luck when Rudimental landed the Worthing Draught Bitter Maiden Stakes. Third on his debut, Rudimental found his stride in the straight and led Ricasso close home to win by a neck.

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CYCLING

Gonzalez prevails in speedy finish

By Peter Bryan

MIGUEL INDURÁIN, relaxed after the one rest day in the Tour de France, kept everyone guessing yesterday during most of the 202-kilometre, eleventh stage from Gap to Valence about whether he could or would launch a counter-attack to reassert his authority on the event.

The Spaniard, the only rider to win the race five years in succession, had tempted a few critics — and some ambitious pretenders to his throne — to place a question mark earlier in the week about his ability to reach the finish in Paris and claim his sixth victory.

His failure to take command of the race on its arrival in the foothills of the Alps gave the feeling some credence; unusually, Induráin suffered and had to draw on all his reserves to hold eighth position overall.

Yesterday Induráin went to the line trailing Bjarne Riis, of Denmark, the leader, by 4min 38sec; at the end of the day there was no change at the top. The stage was taken by Chepe Gonzalez, of Colombia, a professional for six years, who managed to outwit the rest of a breakaway group.

Normally required in the role of a *domestique* for his Kelme team, a delighted Gonzalez described his victory as "unbelievable". He added: "I didn't think I could outsprint the other riders in the group but I have done so by using my wits and them not knowing me very well."

Gonzalez, 27, comes from Sogamoso, the same region as Fabio Parra, who finished third in the 1988 Tour. He joined Laurent Madouas, of France, two Italians from the Roslotto team, Stefano Cattai and Mario Fincato, along with Manuel Fernandez Gines, the Spanish national champion, Alberto Elli, of Italy, who was seventh overall in 1994, and Laurent Roux, of France, on the third climb of the day up to de la Chaux. Though Laurent Brochard joined the leading group, Gonzalez remained well-placed and finished ahead of Gines and Elli.

"I'm surprised but nobody expected me to attack in the last kilometre and that made things easier for me," he said.

Tony Rominger, the world one-hour record-holder and third overall, fell on the descent of the Col des Limouches, the last of the day's mountains. He was able to remount and finished with the main group to hold his third position overall.

The route went northwest from Gap and, while the mountain climbs were not formidable, they started with three third-category tests and were followed by three classified as second category to be tackled in the final 75 kilometres. In all, they were hard enough to invite an attacking day's racing.

Many expected Induráin and his well-drilled Banesto team to take flight somewhere along the narrow roads punctuated by hairpin corners: not in a bid to take over the yellow jersey but rather to indicate that he was chipping away at the lead of the seven riders above him.

The attacks came — but not from Induráin. He and his squad remained comfortably anonymous within the pack of more than 140 who were chasing the breakaway group, happy to let the Telekom team set the pace as it tried to defend Riis and Erik Zabel. Banesto riders were rarely anywhere near the front.

Some of the fire went out of the chasers in the last ten kilometres, when they accepted the inevitability that those in front were too far ahead to be caught, although the leading positions were unchanged. Zabel, already with two stage wins to his credit, led the chasers, finishing ninth, and Riis was close behind. Rominger injured his knee in his earlier fall and asked for a doctor to examine him as soon as he arrived at his team's hotel. "It's a bit painful but I'll be all right," he said.

The Swiss, who finished second to Induráin three years ago, is expected to start in the 143-kilometre stage today from Valence to Le Puy-en-Vlay, a switchback course with five climbs.

Now past its halfway point, the Tour is down to 146 riders, a loss of 52 since the prologue on June 30. Five retired yesterday, including Max Sciandri, one of five Britons named for the Olympic road race next month. Sciandri was suffering from a recurrence of knee trouble.

Chris Boardman was 47th yesterday, credited with the same time as the main group and 2min 51sec down on the winner. Induráin's stage placing was 67th.

TOUR DETAILS

ELEVENTH STAGE (Gap to Valence, 202km): 1, C Gonzalez (Col, Kelme) 5hr 9min 12sec; 2, M Fernandez Gines (Sp, Mapei) at 1sec; 3, A Elli (It, MG-Technogym); 4, L Brochard (Fr, Festina); 5, M Fincato (It, Roslotto); 6, L Roux (Fr, TVM) all same time; 7, S Cattai (It, Roslotto) at 5sec; 8, L Madouas (Fr, Motorola) same time; 9, E Zabel (Ger, Telekom) at 2min 51sec; 10, F Baldato (It, MG-Technogym); 11, M Fondriest (It, Roslotto); 12, M Bartoli (It, MG-Technogym); 13, G Talmant (Fr, Aubervilliers); 14, M Piccoli (It, Brescialat); 15, F Simon (Fr, Gan); 16, P Fornaciari (It, Saeco); 17, A Tchmil (Russ, Lotto); 18, A Ferrigato (It, Roslotto); 19, S Sunderland (Aus, Lotto); 20, R Virenque (Fr, Festina) all same time. **British:** 47, C Boardman (Gan) same time. **Overall:** 1, B Riis (Den, Telekom) 53hr 11min 26sec; 2, Y Berzin (Russ, Gewiss) at 40sec; 3, T Rominger (Switz, Mapei) at 53; 4, A Olano (Sp, Mapei) at 58; 5, J Ullrich (Ger, Telekom) at 1min 38sec; 6, P Luttenberger (Austria, Carrera) at 2:38; 7, Virenque at 3:39; 8, M Induráin (Sp, Banesto) at 4:38; 9, F Escartin (Sp, Kelme) at 4:49; 10, L Dufaux (Switz, Festina) at 5:03; 11, P Ugrumov (Russ, Roslotto) at 5:27; 12, L Leblanc (Fr, Polti) 7:08; 13, Fernandez Gines at 8:14; 14, A Zülle (Switz, Once) at 8:27; 15, U Bolts (Ger, Telekom) at 8:43; 16, A Gamendia (Sp, Once) at 9:07; 17, L Piepoli (It, Refin) at 10:04; 18, B Hamburger (Den, TVM) at 10:32; 19, V Ekimov (Russ, Rabobank) at 11:52; 20, Cattai at 15:50. **British:** 34, Boardman at 33:14. **King of the Mountains:** 1, Virenque 196pts. **Points classification:** 1, Zabel 209pts.

TODAY: Twelfth stage: Valence to Le Puy-en-Velay (143.5km)

TIM OCKENDEN

Vialli, the striker signed from Juventus, shares a joke with Gullit during pre-season training yesterday.

FOOTBALL: CHELSEA MANAGER HAPPY WITH SUMMER SIGNINGS

Gullit happy after spending spree

By Russell Kempson

PART of the baggage of being a footballing superstar is the ever-attendant hordes of journalists, supporters and hangers-on. Ruud Gullit, the new Chelsea player-manager, has experienced it and coped with it numerous times before. Thus, his first press conference in the build-up to the 1996-97 season, at the club's training ground in west London yesterday, turned into no more than a gentle and amicable discussion alfresco.

As the jets thundered out of nearby Heathrow, and the inquisitive punters pushed for pole position along with the reporters, Gullit produced a similarly polished performance to those he gave when a television panellist during Euro 96. His witty sparring with Desmond Lynam, the BBC television anchorman, provided many of the more cerebral duels of the championship.

"It was great fun," Gullit said. "You know all the answers, that was not the difficult part. To be clever as well, that is where the difficulty is. I learnt a lot, though, it was enjoyable."

Gullit's ease under the microscope will hold him in good stead for the rigours ahead in the FA Carling Premiership. He is happy with his triple plunge into the European transfer market — for Gianluca Vialli, Roberto di Matteo and Franck LeBoeuf — and does not envisage any more spending for the time being.

"I have got all the players I want for the moment," he said. "I have got the spine of my team and if you have that, you can build around it." He was particularly optimistic that Vialli, from Juventus, would settle in quickly.

"It will be better when he has learnt English," Gullit said. "He has to get a house, then he can become a citizen. He can go shopping, buy things and start to pick up the language."

Vialli, though barely able to convey his true feelings, made a valiant stab at it. He said: "It is all so different, I feel like a young boy at my first training session, but I am not here to play the star. I am not, how you say, a prima donna. If there is anything I need, I will ask. I don't expect to just be given it."

He, like Gullit, also showed a nice line in humour. When asked by a cameraman to remove his sunglasses, he said: "Why? Do you like my eyes?" Chelsea, at first glance, have made a promising start to a new campaign.

Evans raises stakes for Berger

By Our Sports Staff

THE regular flow of foreign football players into the FA Carling Premiership is likely to continue if the determined efforts of Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, are rewarded. Evans, undeterred by the rejection of a £2.5 million attempt to lure Patrik Berger, the Czech Republic midfield player, to Anfield is preparing to increase his offer to Borussia Dortmund.

However, the German champions may require more persuasion before releasing the player who helped the Czechs to provide a fright for Germany in the European championship final.

Berger, who scored from the penalty spot before the Czechs bowed to the inevitable at Wembley, would be a cornerstone of Dortmund's campaign in the European Cup Champions' League next season and the *Bundesliga* club will almost certainly demand a higher transfer fee.

Evans, who may also need to acquire a defender with Rob Jones suffering from back trouble and Steve Harkness sustaining a broken leg, has been casting an eye over Sergi, the Barcelona player.

One player who may be staying in the Premiership, after all, is David Ginola, Newcastle United's French winger. His agent, Oliver Godalier, yesterday denied saying that the player would be leaving for Barcelona, the new club of former England manager, Bobby Robson, in a £4 million deal.

The reports on Wednesday started intense speculation about the future of Ginola, whose form tailed off towards the end of Newcastle's title challenge last season. Godalier said: "Rumours saying David has already spoken to Barcelona are rubbish."

The Belorussia striker, Peter Kachuro, 23, has joined Sheffield United from Dynamo Minsk for an undisclosed fee.

Fabrizio Ravanelli, Middlesbrough's £7.5 million recruit from Italy, will return to his former club, Juventus, sooner than expected. Bryan Robson's team will tour Italy early next month, including matches at Juventus and Genoa. Meanwhile the Teesside club has denied that Nick Barmby, their England forward, is to join Newcastle.

Seven directors have been removed from the board of Manchester City in one of the biggest shake-ups in the history of the club. City's football and commercial activities will now be supervised by a seven-strong board headed by Francis Lee, the club chairman.

Oleg Romantsev, the Russia coach, resigned yesterday in the wake of his team's poor performances in Euro 96.

ROWING

Young guns hunt medal success in Hazewinkel

By Mike Rosewell
Rowing Correspondent

GREAT Britain has 16 crews racing in the Nations Cup under-23 championships in Hazewinkel, Belgium, this weekend. All bar two of the men's eight and coxed four are London University oarsmen. The outsiders are Rob Latham in the eight and Ed Coode in the coxed four, both from the Newcastle University eight which enjoyed a good run at Henley.

Coode is a 1993 junior world silver medal-winner and is joined in the fours by Dave Beckley, a 1992 junior world gold medal-winner. A late change in the eight sees a schoolboy, Matthew Barrett, from St Edwards, Oxford, in the coxswain's seat.

The men's coxless four and quad are all, bar one, Imperial College athletes. Two of the four, Simon Dennis and Richard Dunn, won junior world bronze medals in the 1994 Great Britain eight.

The double scull of Mark Hammond and Daniel Johnson, both from Nottingham County, were in the 1994 junior bronze medal-winning quad, as was the single sculler, Simon Goodbrand, of Rob Roy, who reached the quarter-finals of the Diamond Sculls at Henley.

The lightweight men's coxless four have the burden of trying to repeat the gold medal-winning performance of last year's crew.

The six-boat women's team also exhibit the successful transition now being made from junior to under-23 level. Ten athletes are former Great Britain juniors, six of them being former medal-winners.

GREAT BRITAIN TEAM: **Men:** **Eight:** Bow, R Perry (Univ of London); 2, K James (Univ of London); 3, R Latham (Newcastle Univ); 4, E Jones (Univ of London); 5, S Fieldhouse (Univ of London); 6, D Burton (Univ of London); 7, J Hughes (Univ of London); Stroke, M Skinner (Univ of London); Cox, M Barrett (St Edward's). **Coxed four:** Bow, E Coode (Newcastle Univ); 2, D Ward (Univ of London); 3, D Beckley (Univ of London); Stroke, D West (Univ of London). Cox, C Cormack (Univ of London). **Coxless four:** Bow, S Eyre (Imperial Coll); 2, L Attrill (Imperial Coll); 3, S Dennis (Imperial Coll). Stroke, R Dunn (Imperial Coll). **Coxless pair:** Bow, N Morrell (Univ of London); Stroke, R Adams (Univ of London). **Quad scull:** Bow, G Smith (Leander); 2, A Warnock (Imperial Coll); 3, S Cottle (Imperial Coll); Stroke, T Gale (Imperial Coll). **Double scull:** Bow, M Hammond (Notts County); Stroke, D Johnson (Notts County). **Single scull:** S Goodbrand (Rob Roy).
Lightweight men: **Quad scull:** Bow, T Bedingfield (Marlow); 2, M Simpson (London); 3, R Burdett (London); Stroke, M Beechey (Worcester). **Single scull:** T Male (Tideway Scullers'). **Coxless four:** Bow, M Tucker (Notts County); 2, E Ball (Notts County); 3, P Baker (Oxford Brookes); Stroke, O Jenkins (Oxford Brookes). **Women:** **Coxless four:** Bow, C Hodgson (Univ of London); 2, N Robinson (Univ of London); 3, L Walsh (Univ. of London). Stroke, L Henshilwood (Univ of London). **Coxless pair:** Bow, M Ansccomb (Nottingham Univ); Stroke, J Andrews (Nottingham Univ). **Double scull:** Bow, J Burns (Cambois), Stroke, C Fox (Kingston). **Single scull:** E Laverick (Thames). **Lightweight women:** **Double scull:** Bow, M Stevens (Kingston); Stroke, V Fangen (Kingston). **Single scull:** S Watts (Univ of London)

IN BRIEF

Foster slips up and Norman conquers

DICK NORMAN, the top seed, from Belgium, lived up to his billing as he ousted Andrew Foster, of Britain, in the Bristol Challenger tennis trophy yesterday. But there was a shock success for Nick Weal, of Hampshire, who put out Patrick Baur, of Germany, the second seed and former Bristol champion.

Norman, at 6ft 8in the tallest player on the professional tour, rose to the challenge against his 6ft 3in opponent from Stoke to book a quarter-final place. "It's tough facing a British player in England because they always try that little bit harder and the crowd are on their side," Norman said, after beating Foster 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

☐ Shirli-Ann Siddall, the top seed, from Dorset, will meet Lorna Woodroffe, of Surrey, in the semi-finals of the women's satellite event at Felixstowe today. Siddall eased through against Areti Ponnappa, of India, while Woodroffe knocked out Amanda Janes.

US take series

Lacrosse: The United States beat England 11-6 at Hemel Hempstead yesterday to win the international series 2-0, with one to play, at Kingston-on-Thames tomorrow. England made a good start as Sarah Butt scored in 22 seconds. The Americans equalised, but England again took the lead in the 17th minute through Camilla Buckley, after the American goalkeeper, Sue Heether, received a yellow card for barging. Three goals in two minutes before half-time gave the United States a 4-2 lead, and in the second half scored five before England went out with a flourish, netting three times.

Crack shots

Shooting: The Sultan of Oman's desert army virtually cleared the board in the open combat shooting events which ended at Bisley yesterday when three of them took the top three places in the service rifle championship and the Sultan's Armed Forces won the lion's share of the concurrent team trophies.

Revenge chance

Snooker: Peter Ebdon, unhappy with the triumphalism of Darren Morgan after losing 6-5 to the Welshman in the Benson and Hedges Masters at Wembley Conference Centre five months ago, has been given the opportunity to extract a measure of revenge at this season's event in February. They will meet for a place in the quarter-finals.

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The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:
8.30 U-NO-HARRY.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F 122YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.30 TARPORLEY APPRENTICES HANDICAP
(£3,115: 7f 122yd) (11 runners)

1 (3) 3623 MY GALLERY 8 (D,BF,G,S) A Bailey 5-9-10 Angela Gallimore (5) 97
2 (7) 3103 DAVID JAMES' GIRL 6 (D,G,S) A Bailey 4-9-7 Iona Wands (5) 96
3 (5) 2110 PINE RIDGE LAD 84 (D,F,G) J Eyre 6-9-5 O Pears 98
4 (2) 5033 BEST KEPT SECRET 9 (V,F,G,S) P Evans 5-9-0 R Mullen (5) 92
5 (10) 3003 SCENICRIS 16 R Hollinshead 3-8-10 D Griffiths (3) 94
6 (8) 5602 CEE-JAY-AY 6 (CD,F,G,S) J Berry 9-8-8 C Lowther (7) [illegible]
7 (6) 0054 ANGUS MCCOATUP 14 B McMahon 3-8-7 K Yo (5) 95
8 (11) 4401 BALLARD LADY 8 (D,S) J Wainwright 4-8-2 (7ex) P Doe (7) 98
9 (4) -002 ROYAL COMEDIAN 8 (CD,F,G) B Murray 7-8-0 R Cody-Boutcher (7) 97
10 (9) 0000 RASMI 22 P Howling 5-7-12 M Baird –
11 (1) 000- DONA FILIPA 266 Miss L Siddall 3-7-10 C Adamson (3) –

5-2 Ballard Lady, 5-1 My Gallery, 6-1 Pine Ridge Lad, David James' Girl, Scenicris, Royal Comedian, 7-1 others.

7.00 TARVIN LIMITED STAKES
(£3,972: 1m 4f 66yd) (4)

1 (2) 4105 DANCE KING 7 (F) R Harris 4-9-8 A Daly (5) 91
2 (3) 0322 BREAK THE RULES 10 (F,S) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-6 K Darley 98
3 (4) 1 SEATTLE SAGA 155 (D,G) D Loder 3-8-9 Pat Eddery 88
4 (1) 3350 CHOCOLATE ICE 23 C Cyzer 3-8-7 J Fortune [illegible]

11-10 Seattle Saga, 9-4 Break The Rules, 7-2 Chocolate Ice, 5-1 Dance King

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Loder, 3 winners from 8 runners, 37.5%; M Stoute, 18 from 69, 26.1%; J Gosden, 13 from 50, 26.0%; H Cecil, 8 from 38, 21.1%; R Charlton, 3 from 16, 18.8%; G Wragg, 5 from 27, 18.5%; J Berry, 16 from 121, 13.2%; P Evans, 3 from 30, 10.0%; M Johnston, 3 from 30, 10.0%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 19 winners from 73 rides, 26.0%; Paul Eddery, 10 from 47, 21.3%; K Darley, 12 from 67, 17.9%; J Quinn, 6 from 49, 12.2%. Only qualifiers.

7.30 BREITLING WATCHES AND WALTONS OF CHESTER HANDICAP
(£6,167: 1m 4f 66yd) (8)

1 (6) -021 LEADING SPIRIT 41 (D,F,G,S) C Wall 4-9-10 Pat Eddery 99
2 (7) 0023 CELESTIAL CHOIR 12 (D,F,G,S) J Eyre 6-9-9 O Pears (3) 90
3 (5) 0000 PINKERTON'S PAL 34 (F) C Brittain 5-9-7 B Doyle 89
4 (4) 0025 EXALTED 27 (G) M Prescott 3-8-12 K Darley 95
5 (2) 5-42 TRADE WIND 7 (B,F,G) J O'Shea 5-8-8 V Slattery 84
6 (8) -430 SHENANGO 22 G Wragg 3-8-6 Paul Eddery 87
7 (3) 1111 DESERT FROLIC 6 (D,F,S) M Johnston 3-8-6 (5ex) J Weaver [illegible]
8 (1) 4152 IN THE MONEY 6 (D,F,G) R Hollinshead 7-8-0 F Lynch (3) 93

3-1 Trade Wind, 7-2 Celestial Choir, 4-1 Shenango, 9-2 Leading Spirit, 5-1 Desert Frolic, 6-1 Exalted, 8-1 others

8.00 RETAIL ADVERTISING SERVICES MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(£4,276: 7f 122yd) (4)

1 (2) 0- ANGEL FACE 331 B Preece 3-8-12 V Slattery –
2 (1) -340 LACHESIS 13 R Hollinshead 3-8-12 F Lynch (3) 94
3 (4) 65 MISRULE 30 J Gosden 3-8-12 Pat Eddery [illegible]
4 (3) 04-6 STEAL 'EM 8 A Bailey 3-8-12 J Fortune 79

4-7 Misrule, 2-1 Lachesis, 10-1 Steal 'em, 25-1 Angel Face

8.30 KIDSONS IMPEY HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £5,777: 5f 16yd) (5)

1 (1) 3005 TADEO 14 (D,F,G) M Johnston 9-7 J Weaver 90
2 (4) 2006 MYTTONS MISTAKE 16 (D,F) A Bailey 8-4 Iona Wands (7) 91
3 (3) 6105 PRINCELY SOUND 42 (C,D,G) M Bell 8-1 M Fenton 90
4 (2) 3113 U-NO-HARRY 8 (D,F) R Hollinshead 7-13 F Lynch (3) [illegible]
5 (5) 4301 GWESPYR 7 (D,G) J Berry 7-10 (7ex) J Dunn 94

5-2 Tadeo, 11-4 U-No-Harry, 3-1 Princely Sound, Gwespyr, 8-1 Myttons Mistake.

9.00 FARNDON CONDITIONS STAKES
(£8,418: 1m 2f 75yd) (8)

1 (5) 6021 PRINCE OF ANDROS 20 (V,D,F,G,S) D Loder 6-9-2 Pat Eddery [illegible]
2 (4) 0-24 SAYEH 286 (D,F,G,S) W Hern 4-9-2 Paul Eddery 86
3 (3) 16 DON VITO 21 (D,G) R Charlton 3-8-7 T Sprake 84
4 (7) 1 SHANALADEE 28 (D,F) M Stoute 3-8-7 T Quinn 70
5 (9) 6-50 QUAKERS FIELD 19 (F,G) G L Moore 3-8-5 J Weaver 84
6 (6) 4343 WEET-A-MINUTE 6 (F,G) R Hollinshead 3-8-5 F Lynch 97
7 (2) 3216 REBEL COUNTY 6 (CD,F,G,S) A Bailey 3-8-2 M Fenton 64
8 (1) 3-20 SOLAR CRYSTAL 33 (F,G) H Cecil 3-8-0 A McGlone 98

11-4 Prince Of Andros, 3-1 Solar Crystal, 4-1 Don Vito, Weet-A-Minute, 9-2 Quakers Field, 10-1 Sayeh, 12-1 others.

☐ Royale Figurine, trained by Martin Fetherston-Godley, tackles the group three Prix de Ris-Orangis over six furlongs at Evry today. The mare, fifth to Pivotal in the King's Stand Stakes at Royal Ascot last month, will be ridden by Darryll Holland.

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THUNDERER
2.20 Songsheet. 2.55 Eager To Please. 3.25 Merrie Le Bow. 3.55 Tsarnista. 4.25 Frog. 4.55 Rival Bid.

Our Newmarket Correspondent:
4.25 FROG (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (TURF): STANDARD (AW) SIS
DRAW: 6F-7F 140YD, HIGH BEST (TURF) 5F, LOW BEST (AW)

2.20 STOCKBROKER CLAIMING STAKES
(All-weather: £2,381: 5f) (10 runners)

1 4304 PALACEGATE TOUCH 9 (B,G,S) J Berry 6-8-12 G Carter 9
2 -050 MIDNIGHT SPELL 13 J Hills 4-8-11 M Henry (3) 10
3 3445 SOLO SYMPHONY 38 P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-10 B Thomson 5
4 1552 SONGSHEET 9 (D,BF,G) M Meade 3-8-10 R Havlin (5) 1
5 0-00 AVANT HUIT 74 (V) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-7 C Teague (3) 3
6 0655 TOMMY TEMPEST 4 (V,CD,G,S) R Peacock 7-8-6 Dane O'Neill (3) 8
7 0000 ASTRAL'S CHANCE 42 K Burke 3-8-5 S Sanders 6
8 5444 LITTLE SABOTEUR 37 (B,CD,BF,F,G,S) P Makin 7-8-3 A Clark 4
9 0540 JESSICA'S SONG 14 (D,F) W G M Turner 3-7-12 R Ffrench (7) 7
10 5-00 DONINGTON PARK 18 P Dalton 3-7-10 N Adams 2

11-4 Songsheet, 4-1 Solo Symphony, 9-2 Palacegate Touch, 5-1 Midnight Spell, 6-1 Little Saboteur, 7-1 Astral's Chance, 8-1 Avant Huit, 10-1 others

2.55 GRAHAM GROUP PLC SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,070: 6f) (6)

1 6012 EAGER TO PLEASE 17 (D,BF,G) J Berry 9-2 G Carter 6
2 556 EMILYJILL 49 R Hannon 8-6 Dane O'Neill (3) 5
3 02 GROVEFAIR MAIDEN 8 (B) B Meehan 8-6 S Sanders 2
4 02 HEAVENLY MISS 46 B Palling 8-6 S Drowne (3) 4
5 3 MARSH MARIGOLD 10 M Meade 8-6 R Perham 1
6 0 TRUE VISION 14 W G M Turner 8-6 D Sweeney (7) 3

9-4 Eager To Please, 3-1 Heavenly Miss, 7-2 Grovefair Maiden, 4-1 Emilyjill, 6-1 Marsh Marigold, 20-1 True Vision.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Chapple-Hyam, 4 winners from 19 runners, 21.1%; J Berry, 29 from 138, 21.0%; M Prescott, 24 from 117, 20.5%; Mrs J Cecil, 8 from 41, 19.5%; M Johnston, 42 from 254, 16.5%; J Hills, 17 from 104, 16.3%; R O'Sullivan, 50 from 320, 15.6%; S Williams, 5 from 32, 15.6%.

JOCKEYS: R Cochrane, 76 winners from 425 rides, 17.9%; T Ives, 22 from 135, 16.3%; W Woods, 27 from 192, 14.1%; S Whitworth, 30 from 227, 13.2%; M Henry, 5 from 38, 13.2%; G Duffield, 26 from 213, 12.2%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Chester: 9.00 Prince Of Andros.

3.25 AL AMEAD FILLIES HANDICAP
(£3,343: 6f) (13)

1 0042 OUT LINE 15 M Madgwick 4-10-0 N Varley (3) 5
2 0100 TIMES OF TIMES 3 (D,F,G) M Ryan 3-9-10 A McCarthy (7) 2
3 0013 ALWAYS GRACE 37 (D,BF,F) Miss G Kelleway 4-9-6 R Cochrane 4
4 00-0 SECRET PLEASURE 109 R Hannon 3-9-5 Dane O'Neill (3) 13
5 3006 TIME FOR TEA 13 C Cyzer 3-9-5 G Duffield 12
6 -200 LUCKY REVENGE 15 M Meade 3-9-4 R Havlin (5) 10
7 5360 MERRIE LE BOW 13 (CD,F) Pat Mitchell 4-8-9 Amanda Sanders (5) 11
8 6062 MAY QUEEN MEGAN 17 Mrs A King 3-8-6 N Adams 9
9 00-0 TACHYCARDIA 20 (D,F,G) R O'Sullivan 4-8-6 D Biggs 3
10 4346 MYSTERY MATTHIAS 7 (V) Miss B Sanders 3-8-5 S Sanders 8
11 0334 SUPERLAO 13 (F,G) J Bridger 4-8-1 M Henry (3) 6
12 0322 MOST UPPITY 7 (D,F,G) J Berry 4-8-0 G Carter 7
13 0-00 DON'T TELL VICKI 18 (D,F) J Moore 3-7-10 Declan O'Shea 1

7-2 Most Uppity, 4-1 Times Of Times, 5-1 May Queen Megan, 6-1 Out Line, 7-1 Superlao, 8-1 Lucky Revenge, 10-1 Mystery Matthias, 12-1 others.

3.55 RYDON GROUP LIMITED STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,761: 7f 140yd) (7)

1 0215 CARMARTHEN BAY 128 (C,G) G L Moore 9-0 R Cochrane 6
2 -550 DETACHMENT 24 P Chapple-Hyam 8-11 R Havlin (5) 4
3 -123 DIVINA LUNA 20 (G) J Hills 8-11 M Henry (3) 5
4 3440 PHILOSOPHER 33 R Hannon 8-11 Dane O'Neill (3) 3
5 0455 HADADABBLE 11 Pat Mitchell 8-8 N Carlisle 1
6 022 HANNALOU 30 S Woods 8-8 W Woods 7
7 6-60 TSARNISTA 68 (CD,G) J Dunlop 8-8 G Carter 2

7-4 Divina Luna, 3-1 Hannalou, 9-2 Tsarnista, 8-1 Detachment, 8-1 Philosopher, Carmarthen Bay, 25-1 Hadadabble.

4.25 AMEC CONSTRUCTION HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,728: 1m 3f 106yd) (4)

1 2061 DEAR LIFE 17 (CD,F) Mrs J Cecil 9-7 A Clark 3
2 -050 CLOUDS HILL 55 R Hannon 9-0 Dane O'Neill (3) 1
3 1256 ISITOFF 15 (D,G) S Williams 8-12 P McCabe (3) 2
4 00-1 FROG 8 (F) M Prescott 8-2 (5ex) G Duffield 4

Evens Dear Life, 6-4 Frog, 7-1 Isitoff, 8-1 Clouds Hill

4.55 JIM WALL IS 70 HANDICAP
(All-weather: £3,343: 1m 2f) (14)

1 0240 WET PATCH 41 (CD,F,G) R Hannon 4-9-11 Dane O'Neill (3) 13
2 0105 RIVAL BID 6 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs N Macauley 8-9-10 C Teague (3) 10
3 3551 GENERAL HAVEN 4 (C,G) T Naughton 3-9-6 (6ex) J D Smith (5) 14
4 4096 KING RUFUS 35 J Akehurst 3-9-7 M Henry (3) 1
5 8631 HALF AN INCH 9 (B,F) B Meehan 3-9-7 (6ex) D Sweeney (7) 8
6 0808 DOUBLE RUSH 20 (CD,G) T Mills 4-9-4 Mark Lynch 3
7 4026 BATH KNIGHT 13 D French Davis 3-9-1 G Carter 4
8 0413 QUIET ARCH 17 (C,BF,G) C Cyzer 3-9-0 G Duffield 7
9 0812 SUPERIOR FORCE 15 (C,G) Miss B Sanders 3-9-0 S Sanders 6
10 2324 NOSE NO BOUNDS 7 (B,G) M Johnston 3-8-13 W Woods 5
11 0036 RED RUSTY 6 (C,G) D Morris 3-8-12 T Ives 11
12 0505 PHILISTAR 17 J Eustace 3-8-11 R Cochrane 12
13 0050 STILL HERE 18 (G) M Heaton-Ellis 3-8-6 S Drowne (3) 9
14 1050 DOZLEM 41 (B,G,F,G) J Poulton 7-8-5 S Whitworth 2

9-2 Half An Inch, 5-1 Nose No Bounds, 6-1 General Haven, 7-1 King Rufus, Royal

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MOTOR RACING: AS THE SEARCH FOR CHAMPIONS OF THE FUTURE GOES ON, FERRARI'S LAST WINNER LOOKS BACK

Still struggling to fill Scheckter's shoes

OLIVER HOLT

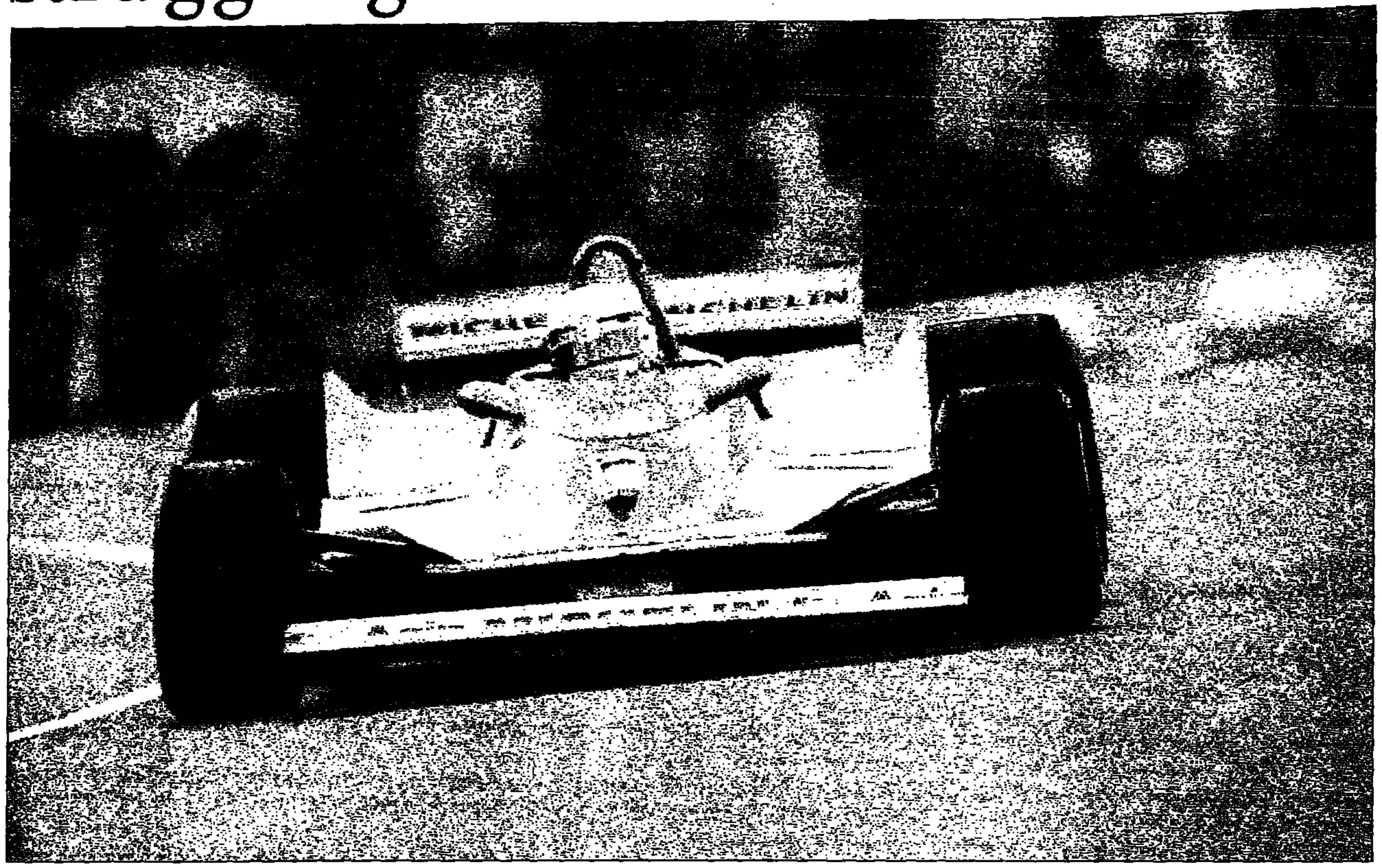
THE man whom Michael Schumacher envies more than any other has not been to a grand prix for five years. At times, he says, he forgets that he ever drove a Formula One car. As for the distinction that he holds, the feat that has sapped the strength, warped the brains and destroyed the careers of so many drivers who have tried to follow, he speaks of it as though it were almost a footnote in his life.

When Jody Scheckter won the world drivers' championship in a Ferrari in 1979, ahead of his team-mate, Gilles Villeneuve, Alan Jones and Jacques Laffite, he unwittingly sparked one of the longest-running, strangest droughts in sporting history, something that ranks with Manchester United's failure to win the football League championship title for a quarter of a century and the New York Rangers ice hockey team's agonising quest for the Stanley Cup.

Since then, drivers such as Patrick Tambay, René Arnoux, Nigel Mansell, Alain Prost, Gerhard Berger and Jean Alesi have all tried and failed to emulate Scheckter by winning the title for Ferrari. This year, Schumacher was the man who was supposed, at last, to repeat the achievement but, as he prepares for the British Grand Prix at Silverstone on Sunday, he is finding out how difficult it is even to get close to doing what the South African managed with only three wins 17 seasons ago.

"People ask me sometimes how I would feel if another Ferrari driver finally won the world championship," Scheckter said. "They seem to think it would be a blow to me, that it would somehow take something away from me. Well, to be honest, it did not do that much for me when I won it in the first place, so it would make no difference."

Schumacher is at least making optimistic noises about his chances this weekend. New parts on the Ferrari have been promised, but, after successive debacles in Canada and France, the German's chance of winning the world championship for the Italians this year is all but gone. He is already talking about extending his contract until 1998 to give himself a better chance of lifting the title again.



Scheckter, then the world champion, driving for Ferrari in the 1980 British Grand Prix at Brands Hatch in which he finished tenth. Photograph: Steve Powell

Scheckter has watched the travails of the team with a degree of sang-froid from the other side of the Atlantic. After he retired from Formula One in 1980, he started a business in Atlanta, Georgia, selling simulators for firearms training. Last month, it was sold for several hundred million pounds, and Scheckter is moving back to England.

Although he was always the bullish one, the foil to the passion of Villeneuve, he is still regarded with affection in Italy, not least because he is still Ferrari's last champion. He thinks Ferrari are back on track at last but his message to Schumacher is to enjoy the drive while it lasts.

"I liked the people, I liked the food, I liked everything about Italy," Scheckter said. "The whole time I was driving there was a great experience. Winning the championship was one thing, but driving for Ferrari is an experience in life I wish more people could have. You are such a focus for the whole country.

"Villeneuve and I worked very well together. The press were always trying to get us to fight and, in that respect, the pressure was tremendous but we had a good relationship and the only time it seemed like breaking down, we went in to see the Old Man [Enzo Ferrari, the team founder] and we worked it all out sensibly.

"By the time I was there, the Old Man was at a stage, physically and mentally, where he could not run around and sort everything out. But we had a sporting director, Marco Piccinini, who was so much behind him and linked so well with him that enough leadership remained to carry us to the championship.

"They went through a period when nothing was done, though, after that and the longer you do not do things, the longer it takes to redo. The longer you have no leadership, the longer you have to have good leadership. They are still in transition, I think. [Luca di] Montezemolo [the present Ferrari president] has come along and thrown money at the problems and he has done a lot of things to make it a leading team again."

If Schumacher is hoping for any good omens from Scheckter's performances in British grands prix, though, he is pinning his hopes on the wrong man. He did win the race once, in 1974, but the previous year was one he would rather forget.

At the end of the first lap, he came hurtling through Woodcote, the last corner, which was taken flat out then, and lost control coming into the pit straight. He smashed into the pit wall in his McLaren and, as it slewed back across the track, a succession of cars ploughed into him and the race had to be stopped. John Surtees, then a team owner, was so incensed by the damage inflicted on his three cars that he stormed off in search of the South African, who was being hidden by his team.

Schumacher will want to avoid that kind of ignominy on Sunday after the cruel luck he has suffered in recent weeks, but he might even submit to that fate on Sunday if he could trade it for the same success Scheckter enjoyed in 1979.

'Driving for Ferrari is an experience in life I wish more people could have'

Since his retirement, Scheckter has been running a business in Atlanta, Georgia

Scheme to nurture British talent

By Oliver Holt

FRANK WILLIAMS, the Williams team owner who faces a battle to hang on to Damon Hill if he wins the drivers' world title this year, last night gave his backing to a new initiative designed to find future British Formula One world champions.

The French petrol giant, Elf, will announce today that it is to organise a three-day course for aspiring British drivers at the Silverstone Driving Centre later this year. The winner will be sent to Elf's world-famous driving school, La Filière, at Le Mans, where he will learn engineering skills and compete free of charge in a single-seater car for a year.

La Filière has already launched the careers of more than 30 Formula One drivers, including the four-time world champion, Alain Prost, and the winner of the Monaco Grand Prix this year, Olivier Panis. It will be the first time an English pupil has been the beneficiary of Elf's search for talent.

"The scheme has worked very well for the French," Williams said yesterday. "There are a number of world famous names who were protégés through their system, including Prost. There are fewer Brits in the scheme than French, which is our fault for not having the money to help these guys, but if the right man arrives through the scheme, he will emerge as a world championship candidate.

"We have had quite a few good guys in the past and Damon, of course, is the current manifestation of British success in Formula One. David Coulthard also comes straight into my mind because he was with us, too, and I think he is going to go a long way. There are not enough British drivers for my personal satisfaction, but with the help of La Filière, there may be more. There needs to be more.

"What I look for when I am assessing drivers is the name that keeps winning in whatever they do, whether it be Formula Campus, Formula Renault, Formula 3 or Formula 3000. A star will keep winning in all those categories and win frequently and they are the people you then begin to watch. This type of scheme provides an opportunity for young men to make it and for people in my type of position to examine the upcoming talent and make decisions for the future.

"The talent we are looking for is very, very special. It is a gift, but you also need great mental application, great determination and preparedness to work very hard."

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TENNIS

Henman aims to further Britain's cause in Accra

By Alix Ramsay

THERE are certain perks that go with being the British No 1 — endorsements, money, adulation — and certain responsibilities. After two weeks of "Henmania" at Wimbledon, Tim Henman is getting down to the nuts and bolts of being a British tennis player, leading the Great Britain team into its Davis Cup second-round tie in Ghana.

Victory is vital if Britain are to gain promotion from group two of the Euro-Africa zone. That would set them on their way as they try to climb back to the world group, the premier league of tennis. The tie also has great importance in Ghana — it is the first time the Ghanaians have played Britain at any sport on home turf and they relish the prospect of an upset.

To add a little spice to the proceedings, the announcement of the tie was greeted by a gentle dust-up between the team captains. David Lloyd, less than happy with the prospect of his players flying to Africa a couple of days after Wimbledon, only to come racing back to get ready for the Olympic Games, wondered if the Ghanaians might like to play the match in England. The Ghanaians replied that a few hours on an aeroplane and an armful of innoculations were nothing compared to the risk of mad cow disease their players would face in Britain. The tie stayed in Accra.

But since their arrival in Ghana, the British party of Henman, Luke Milligan, Neil Broad and Mark Petchey have found their welcome nothing but hospitable. To make it as much like home as possible, it even rained yesterday as the draw was being made.

They also know, however, that the 1,000-strong crowd expected at the stadium will be nothing if not partisan, and even if the world rankings suggest that Britain should win with ease, Lloyd is taking nothing for granted. "The crowd will undoubtedly help Ghana," he said, "and it is likely to be a real test of nerve."

Henman's nerve will be tested first this morning, as he plays the Ghana No 2, Isaac Donkor. Donkor does not have a world ranking but, like his colleagues, plays his tennis in the American collegiate system. Only Frank Ofori, the top Ghana player, has started to make his way on the ATP computer and is ranked 509. He is Milligan's opponent today.

The problem of the line judges seems to have been solved. When Malta played in Accra a couple of months ago, the match referee reported back to the International Tennis Federation (ITF) about dubious line decisions falling in Ghana's favour. Certainly the Ireland players, who have appeared in Accra twice, were surprised by 69 over-ruled calls in one tie alone. But this fixture will be played under the watchful eye of the ITF Davis Cup director, Thomas Hallberg, which should inspire some confidence in both camps.

The conditions will be demanding. Playing the best of five sets with temperatures in the 90s and the humidity high will not be easy. The court surface, too, favours the Ghanaians. A notoriously fast hardcourt in previous years, it has now been resurfaced with a textured paint, slowing it down considerably and favouring the baseliners. Long rallies in the heat will not help Britain's cause.

Yet British tennis has only itself to blame. If Jeremy Bates and Mark Petchey had not lost commanding leads in the home tie against Romania two years ago, Britain would not have been relegated to Euro-Africa group two.

CUP DRAW

Great Britain names first

TODAY: T Henman v I Donkor, L Milligan v F Ofori (11 0)

TOMORROW: N Broad and M Petchey v D Omaboe and T Quaye (2 0)

SUNDAY: Henman v Ofori, Milligan v Donkor (11 0)

Milligan: singles choice for Britain

RUGBY UNION

RFU prepares for stormy session over television deal

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

THE Rugby Football Union (RFU) began this year in the turbulent waters of a special general meeting in Birmingham which ran away from them: many of the same club delegates will gather at the Hilton Hotel in London this evening for the annual meeting of the RFU and an equally stormy ride is predicted.

"In any business," one of the game's leading administrators said this week, "you have to look after the shareholders, the customers. I wonder if the RFU's television deal has done that." The union's agreement to sell broadcasting rights to satellite television will come under close scrutiny tonight from exactly those customers — those who administer and develop the game in 95 per cent of the country.

John Richardson, the incoming president from Warwickshire, will call for unity in his speech, but the RFU acknowledges there are more battles yet to fight. "I expect some difficult questions," Tony Hallett, the RFU secretary, said. "I think we've had a hell of a year in rugby; it's changed its ethos, it's changed some of its spirit, too. There have been a lot of shocks for people who support the game, who want to watch it from their armchairs, but with the new deal with BSkyB [in which News International, owner of The Times, has a forty per cent stake] we can fund a game which is now a lot more expensive to run."

It will be a relief for Hallett that the senior clubs, though they have reservations about the length of the proposed television deal — five years — are behind them. "We are very supportive of the deal," Donald Kerr, chairman of the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs, said. "But we are concerned that one or two individuals seem to want to undermine it.

"As beneficiaries of the agreement, if someone tries to break a binding agreement, we would hold them liable. We would have preferred a three-year deal, but there is only one bidder in town. People have to be realistic and ask themselves what the alternative is."

However, Will Carling, the recently-retired England captain, has expressed reservations. "My personal view is that the RFU shouldn't have gone to Sky," Carling said. "Rugby is a small game compared to football and it needs to market itself. Unfortunately, I don't believe it can do that on Sky." Others may cite the example of the Scottish Open golf tournament, whose profile for sponsors was said this week to have suffered after its transfer from terrestrial to satellite television.

A meeting that used to be plain sailing has now become a political and sporting maelstrom.

Australia begin quest to recover lost pride

NEARLY 14 months ago, South Africa's return to the forefront of world rugby began with victory over Australia in the opening match of the World Cup. Tomorrow, in Sydney, the countries meet again, with South Africa now the comparatively settled power and Australia undergoing a period of considerable introspection (David Hands writes).

Defeat by 43-6 against New Zealand on the opening weekend of the new tri-nation tournament hurt Australian pride. Its recovery will be one of the prime motivating factors for John Eales's team against a South African XV rated 2-1 on favourites, even though their only preparation for the tournament has been a scratchy victory over Fiji earlier this month.

Australia also have the considerable kicking prowess of Matthew Burke. That weapon was blunted last week because the All Blacks played such disciplined rugby. Burke had just two kicks at goal — and he scored with both. In contrast, Andre Markgraaff, the new South Africa coach, worries at the success rate of his kickers in the absence of Joel Stransky.

AUSTRALIA: M Burke; B Tune, J Roff, T Horan, D Campese, P Howard, G Gregan; D Crowley, M Foley, A Heath, D Manu, G Morgan, J Eales (captain), D Wilson, M Brial

SOUTH AFRICA: A Joubert; J Small, J Mulder, B Venter, P Hendriks, H Honiball, J van der Westhuizen; D du Randt, J Allan, M Hurter, F Pienaar (captain), J Ackermann, M Andrews, R Kruger, G Teichmann

CRICKET

New format should make World Cup more competitive

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

THE controversial, *uncompetitive* format that undermined cricket's sixth World Cup last *winter* has been scrapped. A revised schedule, dispensing with orthodox quarter-finals, *will take its* place when the competition is next staged, in England three years hence.

The changes were endorsed by the annual meeting of the International Cricket Council (ICC), which concluded at Lord's yesterday with the draw for the 1999 event. Although 12 countries will again compete, and be divided into *two groups of six, only the top* three in each group will qualify for the next stage. This will *eliminate* three Test-playing nations, as against only one under the format used in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

The six successful teams will then engage in a second group stage, in which the qualifiers *from Group A will play the* qualifiers from Group B. Each country will by then have played eight games and the top four, under a cumulative points-scoring system yet to be finalised, will proceed to the knockout semi-finals.

Complex though *this* sounds, it will be a great deal more effective than the pre*dictable prologue to this year's* event and the ICC deserves *applause* for recognising the need for change. "We felt the format could be improved upon," David Richards, the chief executive, said, "and of three choices on the table, this was the most viable."

The new format will provide 42 games, an increase of five, staged around England from mid-May to late June. No sponsor has yet been *identified* for the event, though the Test and County Cricket Board, *whose responsibility it* will be, should have no difficulty attracting one.

It was confirmed last night that coloured clothing will be used for the first time in international cricket in England, but that there is no provision for floodlit games.

The draw has placed England in the same group as the holders, Sri Lanka. They must also play India, South Africa, Zimbabwe and the runners-up *from the 1997 ICC Trophy*.

This event, scheduled for Kuala Lumpur next spring, will provide the three Associate-member qualifiers for the World Cup. For the first time, the ICC Trophy has attracted television coverage *and the improved profile of* the developing countries has been reflected in another significant decision taken this week

A six-man development committee has been established to expand and improve the game in areas where it lacks funds or sophistication. "The aim is to globalise our game in the same way other sports have done," the ICC chairman, Sir Clyde Walcott, said. "There is so much money in cricket now and it is right *that some of it should be set* aside for development."

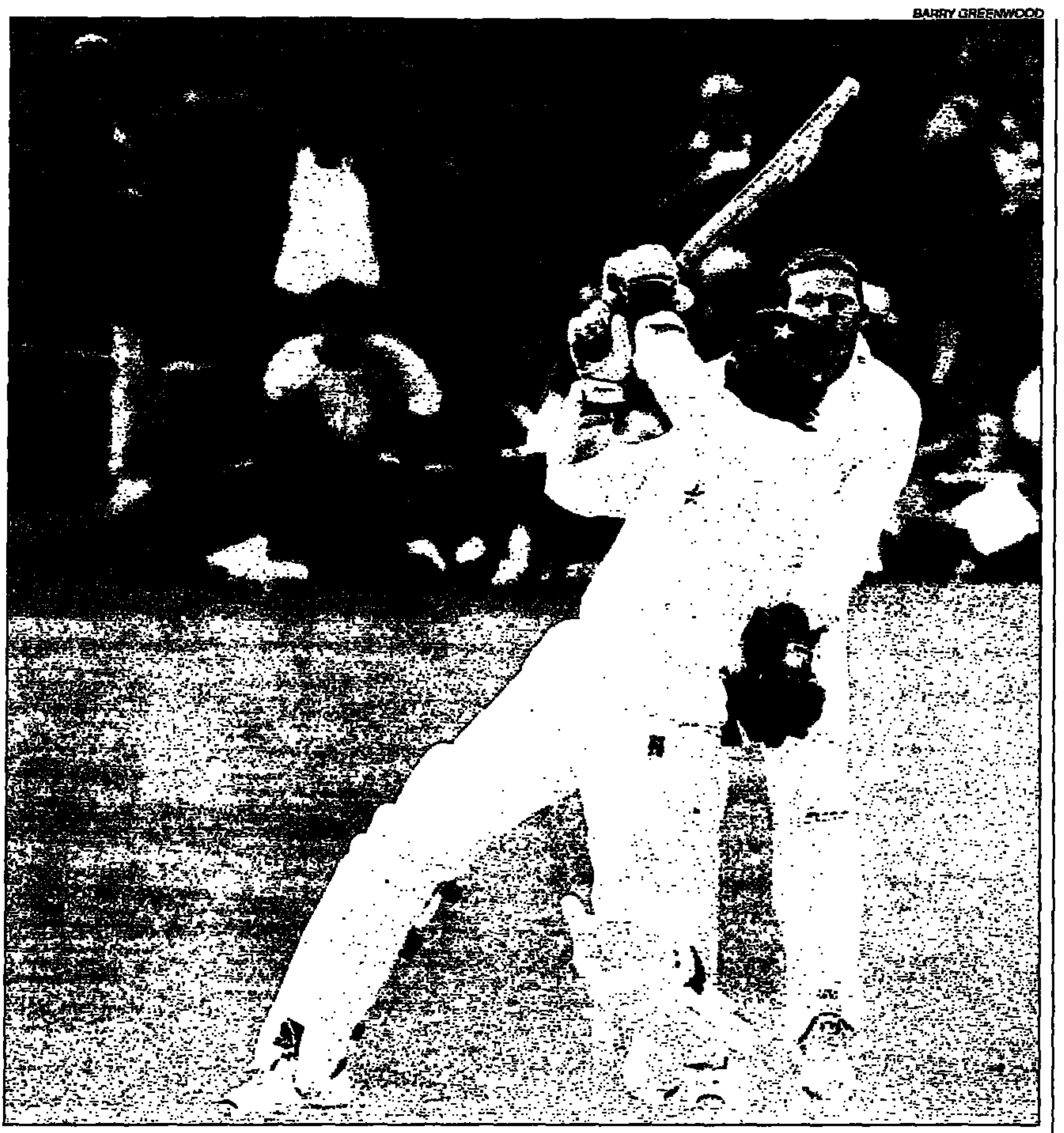
As recommended by Rich*ards, and previously reported* in *The Times*, the development project will be chaired by Ali Bacher. *It remains possible*, however, that Bacher will soon be pressed into higher office as the deadlock continues over a successor to Walcott in a role that will soon lose its figurehead status and gain genuine power.

The constitution of the ICC prevented any decision in the election of the next chairman. *Despite his successful lobby*ing of the associate members, all but three of whom supported him, Jagmohan Dalmiya, the Indian candidate, gained the backing of only three full members and six are needed under the required two-thirds *majority*.

Ironically, Malcolm Gray, from Australia, was eventually supported by five full members, South Africa abstaining after the withdrawal from a second ballot of their original nomination, Krish Mackerdhuj. A separate resolution to extend Walcott's term beyond the coming year was then *withdrawn at the wish of Sir* Clyde himself.

Walcott, who had earlier ruled against Dalmiya's attempt to introduce legal submissions on the constituion, directed that a fresh election should be held next July. "*New candidates are possible* and I am being positive when I say I do not expect another deadlock," Walcott *said*. "*This* does not show the ICC in a good light." The only persuasive new candidate, one man who could rally the support of both the traditional countries and the subcontinent, is Bacher.

In the meantime, a *review* committee, chaired by Sir John Anderson from New Zealand, will consider the ICC's antiquated rules, under which it is apparently impossible for officers, or even an elected sub-committee, to make any positive decisions or interventions on a day-to-day basis. "It has become very, very frustrating," Walcott said, with the air of a man who has been taking the blame for someone else's rules.



BARRY GREENWOOD

Aamir Sohail puts the Minor Counties to the sword as he races to 133, his second century of the tour

Pakistanis serve notice of intent

By Simon Wilde

STONE (The Pakistanis won toss): The Pakistanis beat Minor Counties by 170 runs

SO THE Indians have departed and the spotlight has turned on to the Pakistanis, *the second and — to English* eyes — more fearsome touring team of the summer. There were *few indications of the* change in status yesterday, but then there are few more relaxed places to play cricket than the charming club ground at Stone.

As so often, the Pakistan touring party is enviously *laden with talent and, as has* not so often been the case, they are striking an impressively united front. Anyone looking for reassuring signs of disunity will be sadly disappointed.

In fact, they were charm personified yesterday as they signed autographs for an enthusiastic crowd of 2,000 and gracefully accepted gifts from Staffordshire borough council. If their sixes rattled the tiles of the only two solid buildings on the ground, they were blows received in the *spirit in which they were* given.

The Pakistanis have already produced some awesome individual displays and there were one or two more as they effortlessly outplayed their Minor Counties opponents, *who fielded a strong* collection of players with first-class county experience. Indeed, *when the Pakistanis last* toured England, the Minor Counties beat them in a two-day match at Marlow.

The tourists, choosing to bat first, gave the spectators a full *day's entertainment. Having* run up a formidable score of 310 for seven, the visitors restricted their opponents to 140 for eight in their 50 overs and could even have finished them off much sooner had they had a mind to.

Aamir Sohail, their vice-captain, scored a scintillating 133 off 102 balls and might *have scored many more had* he not hit out recklessly after reaching his second century of the tour. He peppered the boundaries with two sixes and 21 fours, five of them in one *over from Saggers. The other* main contributors were Wasim Akram, with 45 from 43 balls, and Inzamam-ul-Haq, who scored a powerful 41 from 28 balls before retiring with dizziness.

This affliction may have been *not unconnected* with the touring party's visit, 24 hours earlier, to Alton Towers, *where they reacquainted* themselves with their old pastime: riding roller-coasters.

The Pakistani bowling was simply too good for the Minor Counties. Once Waqar, charging down a pronounced slope, made the early breakthrough, *the innings quickly turned* into a rapid procession, with the spin combination of Saqlain Mushtaq and Mushtaq Ahmed scything through the middle order.

With Laudat nursing a hand injury, the Minor Counties would have been dismissed for considerably less but for some brave tailend *blows from Marcus Sharp*, also the pick of their bowlers, who batted with Potter throughout the last 19 overs.

SCOREBOARD FROM STONE

PAKISTANIS

Aamir Sohail c Cockbain b Fell	133
Shadab Kabir c K Sharp b Laudat	21
Ijaz Ahmed c Batty b Laudat	0
Inzamam-ul-Haq retired hurt	41
Salim Malik c K Sharp b Fell	4
*Wasim Akram c M A Sharp b Saggers	43
†Rashid Latif c Potter b Laudat	27
Saqlain Mushtaq not out	17
Mushtaq Ahmed run out	1
Waqar Younis not out	14
Extras (lb 4, w 5)	9
Total (7 wkts, 50 overs)	310

Ata-ur-Rehman did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-90, 2-90, 3-186, 4-209, 5-274, 6-280, 7-290

BOWLING: Saggers 8-1-64-1; M A Sharp 8-2-22-0; Myles 10-0-46-0, Laudat 10-0-82-3; Potter 6-0-47-0; Fell 8-0-45-2.

MINOR COUNTIES

S J Dean c Mushtaq Ahmed b Waqar	18
R J Evans lbw b Waqar	6
K Sharp b Wasim	6
M A Fell c Mushtaq Ahmed b Saqlain	11
*I Cockbain c sub b Saqlain Mushtaq	11
S D Myles c sub b Mushtaq Ahmed	4
L Potter not out	20
†J N Batty lbw b Mushtaq Ahmed	3
M J Saggers c Rashid b Saqlain Mushtaq	1
M A Sharp not out	37
Extras (lb 3, w 6, nb 14)	23
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs)	140

S V Laudat did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-35, 3-39, 4-64, 5-68, 6-72, 7-76, 8-77.

BOWLING: Wasim 10-3-41-1; Waqar 7-2-19-2; Saqlain Mushtaq 10-4-9-3, Ata-ur-Rehman 10-2-29-0; Mushtaq Ahmed 10-3-26-2. Aamir 3-0-13-0.

Umpires: D Burden and C Stone

Home tie boosts Lancashire double prospects

By Alan Lee

LANCASHIRE believe that they can emulate their unique 1990 achievement of winning both knockout competitions this season, and they continue to enjoy the luck of the draw. Two days before attempting the first leg of the double in the Benson and Hedges Cup final, they were given a home tie with Derbyshire in the last eight of the NatWest Trophy.

Although *they have now* been drawn at Old Trafford in two consecutive rounds of *each competition*, Mike Watkinson, the Lancashire captain, is in no doubt that they face another stern test. "Derbyshire are playing well. Under Dean Jones, they seem to fancy their chances in more than one competition," he said.

Watkinson is rightly concerned that Lancashire, the bookmakers' *favourites* for both cups, are living on their nerve ends, having needed *boundaries struck by their* No 11, Peter Martin, to win the Benson and Hedges semi-final against *Yorkshire*, and the NatWest tie on Wednesday against Northamptonshire, who they meet again at Lord's tomorrow.

"If we had lost that game we would have been asking some serious questions about how we *went about chasing the* runs," he said. "We can't keep leaving it to our last man to get us home."

Surrey, who disposed of Warwickshire, the holders, in the second round, are also favoured by a home quarter-final against one of the aspiring outsiders. Somerset will visit the Oval on July 30, Andy Caddick's *hat-trick in their* five-wicket victory against Gloucestershire having kept them on course for the competition they have long targeted as their best prospect of a trophy this season.

Essex, who have surprising*ly won only two Lord's finals* and none since 1985, travel to Southampton to play Hampshire, who made such short work of Worcestershire. Arguably the most fascinating tie is at Hove, where Sussex, whose form continues to lurch between the appalling and the irresistible, have an enticingly glamorous visit from York*shire, at present the most* obvious rivals to their cross-Pennine neighbours to be the team of the season.

DRAW

QUARTER-FINALS

Lancashire	v	Derbyshire
Surrey	v	Somerset
Hampshire	v	Essex
Sussex	v	Yorkshire

Matches to be played on July 30

Super Eights plan to promote game

By Our Sports Staff

AUSTRALIA will launch an ambitious campaign today to establish cricket as a leading sport in Asia, but the new *eight-a-side format will bear* little resemblance to the traditional game.

Australian Cricket Board (ACB) officials have made *drastic rule changes for the inaugural Super Eight* tournament, to be staged in Kuala Lumpur, and featuring top players from the leading cricketing nations. Super *Eights matches will last about* two hours, with each side facing a maximum of 14 overs, placing the onus firmly on the batsmen to score runs as quickly as possible.

"The emphasis will be on fast, furious action and fun, *while keeping the fundamen*tal nature of the game intact," David Fouvy, the ACB marketing manager, said.

"It makes sense to introduce the basics of what cricket is about in this form rather than introduce the complexities of 11-a-side Test cricket."

In Super Eights, shots which clear the boundary will *be worth eight runs instead of* the traditional six, while each player, except the wicket-keeper, *must bowl at least one* over. A *batsman must retire if he scores 50 runs*, but he can return to the crease if all the other batsmen have been dismissed.

Australia will field its two strongest teams for the tour*nament, which also features* a Malaysian invitational side — led by Allan Border, the former Australia captain — as well as India, New Zealand and South Africa.

□ The family of cricketing nations expanded yesterday *when* Portugal was elected an affiliate member of the International Cricket Council. Nepal was *promoted from affil*iate to associate status, but France's application to upgrade was deferred for two years.

Edwards offers elixir of youth

Ivo Tennant on the young cricketer giving the England women's team fresh optimism

PILLORYING *the* England selectors is the favourite *sport* of the sedentary cricket enthusiast. The clarion call for youth, for energising the team, is one that they have never seemed to hear. Until now, for a 16-year old has been chosen for the Test *match* that begins today. A 16-year-old girl, that is.

Charlotte Edwards, who has just completed her GCSEs, is the youngest cricketer to have been *selected* by the England women's team. So precocious is she that she was playing for her county's boys' team at 13 and she now captains the Huntingdonshire under-16 boys. *Her brother* Daniel, 19, is good enough to play for Huntingdonshire. Her father, Clive, who captained the county and coached her as soon as she could hold a bat, started something, for sure.

At the family farm in Pidley, 17 miles from Cambridge, she insisted on having her fair share of batting. She had an aptitude for the game that enabled her to open the in*nings when she started* to play in a higher age group. "It all started on the lawn when I was four and then *I played* kwik cricket at school," Edwards said after net practice at Guildford yesterday.

"Because I am 5ft 10in, I find *I can drive* the ball hard. The boys I captain accept me, but some of the ones I play against sledge me. *But I like* the challenge."

'The boys that I captain accept me'

Her difficulty over the next *few years* is that boys will fill out and become stronger than her, which might exclude her from mixed cricket. Her girlfriends do not tease her for spending so much time playing sport with boys — partly, perhaps, because she is adept at other games as well. Hockey, tennis and football are particular favourites. Having now left Ramsey Abbey School, a comprehensive in Cambridgeshire. Edwards is *intending* to take a course in sports and tourism at Cambridge Regional College. It is, *conveniently enough*, sited a six-hit or three away from Fenner's, where she goes to watch first-class cricket.

This season, one in which her cricket has been interrupted by her studies, Edwards has averaged around 45. Her top score, 95, was when she represented *Cambridge* Ladies. She also bowls leg spin, although she feels she will do well to get on in this, the *final Test against* New Zealand. The first two finished in dull draws, which is another good reason for giving youth its head. "We have known about her for some time and she is very talented," Shirley Taylor, the England manager, said.

Edwards's two favourite cricketers are Jan Brittin, the *leading* runscorer during the women's World Cup in 1993, who is 37 and also plays today, and *Darren Gough, the* England fast bowler. She appreciates the coaching of her father, who combines farming with being a potato merchant in the Fens. She would like to become a coach herself.

"Charlotte was always very promising," her father said. "Also, she was always big for her age and had tremendous concentration. She was a very good tennis player as a young girl, but then all of a *sudden* she said she wanted to take up cricket. She had some coaching from the National Cricket Association and when I taught her in the garden, I told her she was out if she hit across the line. So she learnt how to play in the "V" between mid-off and mid-on. What she has *learnt since is to cope with the* boys' talk."

Edwards, whose precocious talent earned a Test call

MCC keep pressure on deflated tourists

SHENLEY PARK (second day of three): South Africa A, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, need 54 runs to avoid an innings defeat against MCC

MCC are in the driving seat against South Africa A after forcing them to follow on.

But, with a more determined display in their second innings, the touring team made it obvious that the home side will have to work hard for victory today.

South Africa resumed yesterday on 31 for two — 360 behind — and offered only sporadic resistance as they were dismissed for 204.

Hugh Morris, the MCC captain, enforced the follow-on and the South Africans then showed far more determination as they closed on 133 for one.

MCC: First Innings 391-7 dec (G W Flower 98, K L T Arthurton 82, A Flower 70, A I C Dodemaide 62 not out; R Telemachus 4 for 99)

SOUTH AFRICA A: First Innings

G F J Liebenberg c A Flower b Francis	7
N Pothas lbw b Francis	3
H H Gibbs c Lawson b Croft	57
N Boje c G W Flower b Francis	5
H D Ackerman b Foley	31
*J B Commins c G W Flower b Francis	13
†S J Palframan run out	9
D N Crookes c Strang b Browne	16
L Klusener c and b Croft	5
R Telemachus c Francis b Strang	8
G J Smith not out	0
Extras (b 9, lb 21, nb 20)	50
Total	204

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-22, 3-52, 4-116, 5-152, 6-154, 7-169, 8-186, 9-200.

BOWLING: Francis 17-8-34-4; Browne 13-3-55-1; Croft 11-2-26-2; Dodemaide 6-2-20-0; Foley 9-3-22-1; Strang 11 3-3-17-1

Second Innings

G F J Liebenberg not out	51
N Pothas b Foley	62
H H Gibbs not out	14
Extras (lb 6)	6
Total (1 wkt)	133

FALL OF WICKET: 1-89

BOWLING: Francis 7-3-17-0; Browne 4-1-10-0; Dodemaide 8-4-15-0, Croft 5-0-20-0; Strang 14-2-42-0; Foley 8-1-23-1

Umpires: R Julian and N T Plews

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ATHLETICS: IRISHWOMAN AIMS FOR 5,000 METRES WORLD RECORD AT CRYSTAL PALACE

O'Sullivan plans time of her life

DAVID POWELL

Athletics Correspondent

Sonia O'Sullivan was sitting in a lounge at Nice airport yesterday, looking out of the window on a clear, still, sunny morning. "I'll just pack a little bit of this weather into my bag and take it to London," she said, thinking ahead to the Securicor Games at Crystal Palace tonight, the last grand prix before the Olympic Games.

A world record now would give O'Sullivan lift-off for Atlanta and she is anxious that the elements will be kind. "The faster I run, the more confident I will be going into the Olympics," Ireland's favourite sportswoman said. Not that she lives in Ireland any more. Teddington is home and it will be a comparatively short trip across south London today for the 5,000 metres challenge she has set herself.

Given favourable weather, O'Sullivan will attempt to break the world record of 14min 36.45sec set by Fernanda Ribeiro, of Portugal, the 10,000 metres world champion, last year. It was on her mind in Oslo last Friday, when she won the 1,500 metres, and it was in her thoughts again in Nice on Wednesday, when she ran the fastest 3,000 metres of the year. "I was definitely thinking more about Friday than I was about a fast time last night," O'Sullivan said. "I was going down the last 100 metres thinking, 'Just cool it'."

Still she managed to record 8min 35.42sec, seemingly riding the back of a tandem while Julia Vaquero, a Spaniard, did all the pedalling from the front seat. While Vaquero's legs and arms worked furiously, O'Sullivan looked relaxed, her effortless action and long stride a model example of efficient running. O'Sullivan kicked away from Vaquero on the last lap, 62 seconds with the brakes on down the finishing straight.

She is undefeated in eight races this season, believes she is fitter than ever, and has set herself the target of two Olympic gold medals for a country which has not celebrated one in 40 years on the track, not since Ron Delany won the 1,500 metres in Melbourne. If she succeeds, her home town of Cobh, Co Cork, will not be big enough to fit in everybody who wants to be there when she makes her first post-Atlanta visit to see her parents and brother.

She describes going back to Cobh as "kind of like walking into a room, not that I know everybody, but everybody knows me". She cannot concentrate on training there, with "people winding down their windows, waving and beeping their horns when I go for a run". Teddington is different, a place to train in relative obscurity.

Cobh was bursting, and a stage erected so people could see her, when O'Sullivan went to the family home after the 1993 season. She had not even won at the world championships in Stuttgart, taking silver in the 1,500 metres and finishing fourth in the 3,000 metres. It was the sudden improvement of Ma Junren's group of Chinese women runners that prevented her from becoming a double world champion.

Nobody from outside China finished ahead of O'Sullivan in either race. While others, Liz McColgan and Joan Allison, the Great Britain team manager, among them, openly accused the Chinese of illegal drug taking, this was one stage O'Sullivan was not prepared to climb onto. She used the Chinese world records to break down her own ideas of how fast women could run.

The next summer, O'Sullivan set a European record for 3,000 metres, beating the 8min 22.62sec run by Tatyana Kazankina in 1984. "That 8:22 seemed impossible the year before the Chinese came along," O'Sullivan said. "I had to readjust the values I had in numbers. They made me set different targets in training."

The Chinese missed the world championships last year to keep their powder dry for the Olympics. Is O'Sullivan not afraid she could fall victim again? "I have not given it a huge amount of thought," she said. "I mean, what do I do if they are there? I am just going to have to deal with it."

O'Sullivan won the 5,000 metres world title last summer but reflects on 1995 as "a so-so year". Compared, perhaps, to 1994, when she preceded her 3,000 metres European record at Crystal Palace with a 2,000 metres world record, followed by winning the European 3,000 metres title. But hardly what anybody else would call a so-so year. Certainly not *Track and Field News*, a United States magazine, which polled 45 experts from around the world. It voted her No 1 woman athlete of 1995. A world record tonight, the first by a woman this year, would be the first step to a repeat.

MICHEL LIPCHITZ

O'Sullivan moves smoothly past Vaquero on her way to victory in Nice

Johnson's absence a blow for supporters

By David Powell

THERE are those who would say that the British Athletic Federation (BAF) has received its just deserts for failing to deliver Michael Johnson, the sport's hottest property, to Britain's only grand prix meeting of the year tonight. A half-empty stadium at Crystal Palace seems inevitable, with only 8,000 tickets taken by yesterday. The International Amateur Athletic Federation changed the Olympic schedule to accommodate Johnson's wish to run the 200 and 400 metres in Atlanta, but the BAF remained intransigent over the athlete's request to run the longer event this evening. It insisted he should line up in the 200 metres, or not at all. Not at all it is.

If Johnson was willing to finish his Olympic build-up in London, the ticket-buying public is entitled to ask why he is not here. Brad Hunt, Johnson's manager, said that his athlete was willing to run the 400 metres for the same fee as the 200 metres. Hunt accused the BAF of manipulating the 400 metres field to save British runners a thrashing before Atlanta.

The BAF may be saved by Sonia O'Sullivan setting a world record in the 5,000 metres, but, on the whole, it is a meeting which terrestrial television will not be sorry it is not showing live. Small wonder that the BAF is facing 1997 without a television contract.

Linford Christie has no opposition to speak of in the 100 metres, Jonathan Edwards none in the triple jump, and none of the men's middle distance events has the world No 1. The same can be said of the entire women's programme, except the 5,000 metres. Roger Black may find Derek Mills testing opposition in the 400 metres and there is a high-quality 110 metres hurdles, even without Colin Jackson. Allen Johnson, the world champion, races Tony Jarrett.

It will be interesting to see how Steve Backley fares in the javelin in only his second competition this season while Anthony Whiteman and John Mayock face Venuste Niyongabo over 1,500 metres.

BOXING

Brain scans may be given during fights

From Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent in New York

BOXERS could be given a brain scan during a contest in the not-too-distant future if the Nevada State Athletic Commission is successful in its attempt to develop a machine that can be used at the ringside. The ultrasonic diagnostic equipment would detect brain injury even before a boxer realises something is wrong.

The commission, which is the regulatory body for Las Vegas, the boxing capital of the world, has asked Dr Albert Capanna, a neurosurgeon on its medical board, to examine the feasibility of such a revolutionary idea. "We are trying to develop a machine small enough to be used at ringside. If you had doubts [about a boxer's condition] you would go behind a fighter between the rounds," Dr Capanna told the New York newspaper, *Newsday*.

The Commission's concern, which is reflected in an in-depth report into boxing by *Newsday*, has been prompted by the continuing anxiety about the health of Jerry Quarry, one of the few white heavyweight contenders of the Sixties and Seventies who was capable of standing up to men such as Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier.

Despite a CAT scan in 1983 indicating brain damage, Quarry boxed three times after that, twice that year and once in 1992. Although in good physical condition at 51, his brain is showing severe signs of atrophy.

"You see incredible damage to Jerry's brain from boxing," Linda Rogers, head of research for the Jerry Quarry Foundation and director of the South West Institute for Clinical Research at Rancho Mirage, California, said.

"The characteristics of his conditions mimic Alzheimer's [disease]," Rogers said. "Jerry does not know where he's at or what month or day it is. When you ask him, his response is, 'It's not important to me.' He can't recall three items three minutes later." Quarry has poor motor control and, even though he can speak clearly at the moment, his speech is expected to become slurred with age.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page *37*

RAMARAMA

(c) An evergreen New Zealand shrub or small tree, *Myrtus bullata*, belonging to the family of Myrtacae and bearing small white flowers. From the Maori name. W. D. Hay, *Brighter Britain*, 1882: "The ramarama . . . has a good hard wood."

TAWA

(c) Hindu, Punjabi frying pan, griddle. A circular griddle used in the Indian subcontinent for cooking chupattis and other food. H. Lawrence, *Journals*, 1843: "The tavah, a convex iron plate on which are baked the thin, unleavened bread of the people."

TRILBY

(a) A jocular name for the foot, with reference to Trilby's feet, which were objects of admiration in her eponymous novel by George du Maurier published in 1894. H. E. Dudeney, *Canterbury Puzzles*, 1907: " 'Two feet —' he murmured. 'Somebody's Trilbys?' "

SCHOONER

(a) Australia and New Zealand. A large beer-glass of locally variable capacity; the measure of beer contained in such a glass. G. W. Turner, *English Language in Australia and New Zealand*, 1966: "A Schooner in New South Wales is a 15-ounce glass, in Adelaide a 9-ounce glass."

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RADIO CHOICE

Tuning in to Tanglewood

Tanglewood. *Radio 3, from 5pm to 1am.*

If you don't already know what or where Tanglewood is, you certainly will by the early hours of tomorrow morning. Radio 3 fills eight hours of programmes about the annual musical explosion in Massachusetts. The Tanglewood Festival is the Boston Symphony Orchestra's summer home. The orchestra features in the festival's opening event (6.50pm) which was recorded last Friday. This concert includes two works by one of Tanglewood's most celebrated alumni, Leonard Bernstein: the Chichester Psalms and Three Meditations for the Cello and Orchestra. The live Prelude Concert (11pm) features works by Copland and Ives and William Bolcom.

Leek and Potato Pie. *Radio 4 (FM) 10am.*

At the end of Susan Roberts's programme, you will not be any the wiser about how a leek and potato pie is actually made. But you will know more about these two ingredients than the children who say that the leek "looks like a banana but doesn't have that thing at the top" and that the potato "has got brown skin and sometimes it's in a chip". Some facts I did learn about the leek is that, like women, the leek demands a lot of attention. Apparently, leeks have been known to thrive on the contents of a baby's nappy. As for potatoes, it was Drake not Raleigh we have to thank for introducing them to England. Scottish Presbyterians condemned the potato as ungodly because the Bible made no mention of it.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **6.30am** Mark Radcliffe **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, incl at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, incl at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Essential Selection **10.00** One in the Jungle **12.00** Radio 1 Rap Show **3.00am** Annie Nightingale **5.00** Claire Sturgess

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Are You Sitting Comfortably **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** The Thirty-Nine Steps (9/10) **9.00** Listen to the Band **10.00** The Buxton Festival **12.05am** Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme incl **6.55**, **7.55** Racing preview **8.35** The Magazine, with Brian Hayes, incl Video Review, News from Europe and after **11.00** Science News with Sue Nelson **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl **12.35pm** Moneycheck with Paul Lewis **2.05** Ruscoe on Five incl at **3.45** Entertainment News **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide, incl at **5.45** Entertainment News **7.00** News Extra **7.20** Friday Sport. Athletics: Coverage of the Grand Prix meeting at Crystal Palace; Rugby League: Bradford v Wigan in the Super League **9.35** Sports Shop, with Adrian Goldberg **10.05** Paper Talk, with Brian Alexander and Phil Murphy **11.00** Night Extra **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **5.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Sport **10.00** Mike Allen **1.00am** Mike Dickin

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST**. **5.00am** Newsdesk **5.30** Europe **5.45** Folk Routes **6.00** Newsday **6.30** Europe **6.45** Words and Music **6.50** Insider's Guide **7.00** News **7.15** World **7.30** Dance Vibe **8.00** News **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** Pick of the World **9.00** News in German **9.15** Music **9.45** Poems **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Focus on Faith **10.45** Sport **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News in German **1.15** Britain **1.30** Science **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.00** News **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain **6.00** News **6.10** World **6.25** Spotlight **6.30** News in German **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Focus on Faith **8.00** Newshour **9.00** News **9.01** Outlook **9.25** Words of Faith **9.30** Multitrack **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain **10.30** People and Politics **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** New Europe **11.45** Sport **12.00** Newsdesk **12.10** Spotlight **12.15** Insider's Guide **12.25** Book Choice **12.30** Multitrack **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Seven Days **1.45** Britain **2.00** Newsday **2.30** Outlook **2.55** Words of Faith **3.00** Newsday **3.30** Meridian **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4:30** Vintage Chart Show

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata **7.00** Showcase **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Petroc Trelawney

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul Coyte **(FM) / (AM)** Robin Banks **10.00** Alan Freeman **2.00am** Randal Lee Rose

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. With Andrew McGregor. Including Vivaldi (Violin Concerto in A, Op 11 No 3); brahms (Strign Quintet in G, Op 111); Purcell (My beloved spake); Shostakovich (Suite No 1 for jazz band); Bizet (Suite: Jeux d'enfants)

9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Beethoven (Piano Sonata in G, Op 49 No 2); Punto (Horn Concerto No 11 in E); Debussy (Hommage a Rameau, Images Bk 1); Rameau (La Princesse de Navarre, Act 3)

10.00 Musical Encounters. Shostakovich (Concertino for two pianos) **10.12** *Artist of the Week*: Sylvia McNair, soprano. Monteverdi (Pur ti miro, pur ti gotto, L'Incoronazione di Poppea) **10.18** Mozart (Horn Concerto No 4 in E flat, K495); Shchredin (Concero for Orchestra No 1, Naughty Limericks); Shostakovich (String Quartet No 4) **11.15** Inbar (Sognando); Palestrina (Missa ut re mi fa sol la)

12.00 Composers of the Week: The English Madrigalists

1.00pm Chamber Music: from Buxton. Live from the Octagon Pavilion Gardens. Chilingirian Quartet. Beethoven (String Quartet in F, Op 59 No 1, Rasumovsky); Schubert (String Quartet in m C minor, D703, Quartettsatz)

2.00 The New Europe: City of London Sinfonia. Sibelius (Rakastava); Lars-Erik Larsson (Concertino No 5 for horn and orchestra); Mozart (Symphony No 25 in G minor) (4/6)

3.00 Mining the Archive. John Amis recalls the life and career of the Australian pianist Noel Mewton-Wood includes Shostakovich (Piano Concerto No 1)

4.30 More from the Archive. A recording of Gerald Finzi's son cycle *A Young Man's Exhortation*

5.00 The Music Machine: Tanglewood. See Choice

5.15 In Tune: Live from Tanglewood. A preview of the forthcoming festival, presented by Jamie Bernstein-Thomas, Humphrey Burton, Geoffrey Smith and Robert Ziegler

6.50 Tanglewood: Gala Concert. The opening event of this year's festival in Tanglewood, New England, recorded last friday. Yo-Yo Ma, cello, the Boston Symphony Orchestra under Seiji Ozawa. Bernstein (Chichester Psalms; Three Meditations for cello and orchestra) **7.40** Tanglewood Forum. A recording, made in 1947, of the composers Aaron Copland, Leonard Bernstein, Lukas Foss and Irving Fine discussing American music **8.10** Concert Part 2. Dvořák (Cello Concerto in B minor)

9.00 Tanglewood: Hear and Now. Includes pieces by Cerek Bermel, Joyce Koh and Ketty Nez

12.00 Tanglewood: Voices. Includes performances by Mario Lanza, Phyllis Curtin, Eileen Farrell, Hildegard Behrens and Mirella Freni

1.00am Composer of the Week: Berwald (r)

2.00 Through the Night

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (**LW** only) **6.00** News Briefing incl Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.25**, **8.25** Sport, **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs. Sue Lawley talks to George Martin (r)

9.45 Letter from Scotland. In the last of the series, Kirsty Wark explains why she works in London but prefers to live in Scotland

10.00 News; Leek and Potato Pie (**FM** only). See Choice

10.00 An Act of Worship (**LW** only)

10.15 On This Day (**LW** only)

10.30 Woman's House

11.30 The Natural History Programme Joanna Pinnock presents a special edition taking a look at wildlife and local conservation issues in Essex

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Chris Choi

12.25pm The Food Programme **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; The Summer Serial: The French Lieutenant's Woman, by John Fowles Dramatised by Frederick Bradnum. With Amanda Redman, David Threlfall and Norman Rodway (2/3) (r)

3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Tim Marlowe sees a contemporary photography exhibition

4.45 Short Story: Offa's Dyke, by Ray French. Read by Andy Rivers (r)

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Growing Spaces. This week the garden programme looks at the lawnmower

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Pick of the Week, with Chris Serle

8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby chairs a topical discussion in Witney, Oxfordshire, with panellists Hilary Armstrong, MP, Labour's local government spokesperson; David Hunt, MP, newspaper editor Dominic Lawson and Rabbi Julia Neuberger

8.50 Law in Action, with Marcel Berlins analysing topical legal issues

9.15 Letter from America

9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature A profile of the Real World record label, launched in 1989 under the patronage of Peter Gabriel (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig

10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Little Heidelberg. The last of the three short stories by Isabel Allende. Read by Diana Quick (3/3) (r)

11.00 Goodness Gracious Me. The all-Asian sketch show. With Meera Syal, Kulvinder Ghir, Sanjeev Bhaskar, Nitin Sawhney and Nina Wadia (2/4)

11.25 Fourth Column 11.45 Today in Parliament

12.00 News incl **12.27am** Weather

12.39 The Late Book; The Sportswriter, by Richard Ford (8/12) **12.48** Shipping Forecast **1.00 As World Service**

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The perfect male: so what if he's a fish?

REVIEW

Lynne Truss

While it may be rude to dismiss an entire alien culture's medicinal beliefs, have you ever stopped to consider the oddness of the Chinese obsession with potency? "What is wrong with us?" the Chinese ask themselves. And looking around at their zillions of friends and relations, they come up with the astonishing reply "Impotence". I mention this not to be contentious, but because last night's **QED** (BBC1) took us — yet again — to the street markets of Hong Kong where another endangered species is sold in powdered form in the cause of sexual success. And it is hard not to be angry, that's all. To the miserable list of bear gall, rhino horn and tiger bone, we must now add seahorse. They say the seahorse mates for life and therefore promotes sexual happiness in those who ingest it. There is a moral here, obviously: behave decently in the animal kingdom, and you get wiped out.

The first 15 minutes of last night's film was very, very charming. Ripply piano music accompanied magical footage of seahorses bobbing amid sea grass in the wild, watched by a marine biologist called Amanda. In the trailers for this programme, Amanda's own future sounded worryingly shaky ("Now under threat of extinction, this woman has dedicated herself . . .") and I can only hope a grammatical lapse was to blame. Amanda has been studying the seahorses in a small area of Sydney Harbour, and has formed a special bond with Male 97, at the same time as trying to maintain scholarly detachment. But it's obviously hard not to love these widdy creatures. When you hold out a finger to a seahorse, it grips you with its tail. "I've been hand in hand with a fish!" said Amanda. And not everyone can say that.

The attractiveness of the seahorse is not hard to explain. They are delicate and pretty, and they pose vertically like question marks; they entwine tails with each other and mate face-to-face, forming a combined heart-shape in the water. The male carries the young, swells up hugely, and then puffs the babies into the water through a hole, like a cartoon saxophone blowing crotchets and quavers. Amanda has discovered that the seahorse male stays at home, to be visited daily by the female; and that when the couple see each other, they dance.

The utter inoffensiveness of these creatures made their plight even more upsetting, of course. While trying hard not to imbue them with human feelings, Amanda couldn't help telling us that seahorses are so wrapped up in each other, they even ignore guests. (Friends get fed up with this, presumably, and stop coming.) Whether Marianne in *Sense and Sensibility* ever heard about the seahorse I can't say, but she would certainly be quoting "Let us not to the marriage of true minds admit impediment" with tears in her eyes if she did.

After the delightful, dream-like marine section of the programme, *QED* pursued the question of seahorse depletion, and followed Amanda to the Philippines — failing to notice the irony of the name Philip deriving from "lover of horses" — where the seahorse is fished to extinction. A clever and original conservation compromise has been hatched there, by which the fishermen still catch seahorses, but let them breed as well. It looked excellent, but I couldn't help wondering whether instead of going to all this trouble to serve the Chinese market, there might not be a simpler way of stemming demand — by spreading an ugly rumour, for instance, that the seahorse hates sex and does it badly. If it would only sacrifice its shining reputation, you see, the seahorse might save its skin.

Elsewhere last night, the BBC channels were less inspiring. *Video Diaries* (BBC2) was dull; even *Men Behaving Badly* (BBC1) had fewer laughs than usual. But particularly bemusing was Sir (BBC2), a half-hour history lesson at 7.30pm told by means of letters to *The Times* in 1913 and 1914. The letters were well chosen, well illustrated with photos and newsreel footage — also brilliantly read by a starry cast of actors — but either I missed the first five minutes or there was absolutely no preamble. It just launched in to the Irish question, with the implication that you could either like it or lump it, your choice.

So it was rather unusual television; more like choosing random selections from a CD-Rom. I loved George Bernard Shaw's letter demanding an end to Shakespeare's birthday ("How many birthdays does he want?"), and the grim warnings of a pedantic "Hydra", pointing out that "fix up" was inexorably replacing the simpler "fix". "Humane Golfer" urged the routine distribution of hot soup to caddies; a railway traveller pointed to the superiority of compartment heating on the Continent; Annie Besant championed Indian independence; and eminent doctors decried the force-feeding of jailed suffragettes.

Meanwhile (of course), war loomed, Home Rule pressed, and female suffrage refused to go away. It was all jolly interesting. My only quibble was with the irritating decision to quote the whole letter in each case before attributing it. Radio 4 sometimes makes the same stylistic decision, and I must confess recent readings from *The Virago Book of Woman Gardeners* found me hopping with rage for five minutes at a time — "Who wrote this? Who? Who?" Compounding matters, the reader reaches the end and announces "John Galsworthy" as if it's the answer to a quiz. This gives you no time to match the name to the sentiments before the next pointless torture begins. I had no idea I felt so strongly. Perhaps I should write a letter to *The Times*.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (43386) **7.00 BBC Breakfast News** (Ceefax) (61947) **9.00 Breakfast News Extra** (Ceefax)

9.20 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (6800015) **9.50 Wildlife on One: Springbok of the Kalahari** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (7384928)

0.20 FILM: Letter from an Unknown Woman (1948) Classic romantic melodrama with Joan Fontaine and Louis Jourdan. Directed by Max Ophuls (5621638) **N.I.: 12.20pm** Lit by Love and Sunshine **10.55** Our Roving Reporter **11.00** News **11.05** The Twelfth

1.50 Holiday Outings: Tunisia (r) (9648218)

2.00 News (Ceefax) (2581015)

2.05pm The Noble Guide: To Englishness (r) (2946473)

.35 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (9065251)

.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) (64034)

.30 Regional News and weather (12683251)

.40 Even More of Glynn Christian's Entertaining Microwave (12603015)

.55 Lovejoy: Eric of Arabia (r) (4522034)

.45 FILM: Perry Mason: The Case of the All-Star Assassin (1989) with Raymond Burr. Perry defends an injured professional hockey star Directed by Christian I Nyby (822638)

4.15 Knots Landing (r) (7323251) **5.05 Clothes Show Scotland** (7823164)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (744152)

6.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (183)

6.30 Regional News magazines (763)

7.00 Top of the Pops (Ceefax) (6725)

7.30 CHOICE **Future Fantastic.** How the transport of the future could include flying cars and even teleportation (Ceefax) (s) (947)

8.00 The Olympic Game. Steve Rider hosts the sports quiz with team captains Daley Thompson and Steve Cram (Ceefax) (s) (5473)

8.30 Big Break (Ceefax) (4980)

9.00 News (Ceefax) (5218)

9.30 One Foot in the Grave. Victor and Margaret's lives become even more gloomy when they are trapped in their garden shed by a swarm of bees (r) (Ceefax) (s) (59251)

10.00 CHOICE **Chicago Hope: Life Support.** The first of a new series of the American medical drama. The doctors inform a man in his thirties, awaiting a heart transplant, that they have decided to give the donor heart to another patient. With Mandy Patinkin and Adam Arkin (422763) **N.I.: 10.00** The Twelfth **10.35** Chicago Hope **11.20** FILM: The Way We Were **1.15am** Weather

10.45 FILM: The Way We Were (1973) starring Barbra Streisand and Robert Redford. Love story about a political activist and a wealthy socialite. Starting in the early 1930s, the film charts their relationship across 20 years Directed by Sydney Pollack (70168299)

12.40 FILM: The Grip of the Strangler (1958) with Boris Karloff. A mystery writer investigates the case of a murderer hanged 20 years before. Directed by Robert Day (Ceefax) (3744226)

1.55am Weather (5891665)

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BBC2

6.00am The Learning Zone: Open University: Scaling the Salt Barrier (6163015) **6.25 16th-Century Venice and Antwerp** (6142522) **6.50 Ferrara** (8697831) **7.15 See Hear Breakfast News** (4336270) **7.30 Smurfs' Adventures** (9381218) **7.55 Best Bits of Johnny Ball** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (5104657) **8.20 Secret Life of Toys** (r) (s) (6525299)

8.40 The Record (6078183) **9.05 Great Depression** (Ceefax) (2950760) **10.00 Playdays** (r) (6763251) **10.25 Man in a Suitcase** (Ceefax) (b/w) (4143724) **11.15 Addams Family** (r) (Ceefax) (b/w) (4017812) **11.40 Great Crimes and Trials of the 20th Century** (2901251) **12.05pm The Phil Silvers Show** (r) (b/w) (7419657) **12.30 Working Lunch** (77657) **1.00 Secret Life of Toys** (r) (76473831) **1.15 A-Z of Food** (72202473) **1.25 Wear It Well** (76469638) **1.40 The Oprah Winfrey Show** (Ceefax) (2591893) **2.20 Open View** (38650367) **2.25 Blooming Lovely** (38673218) **2.35 Time of Your Life** (r) (7642763) **2.55 Holiday Outings** (r) (4832034)

3.00 News (Ceefax) (9573270) **3.05 The Natural World** (6460164) **3.55 News** (2011164)

4.00 Cartoon (7667102) **4.05 Funnybones** (r) (7666473) **4.10 To Me . . . to You** (Ceefax) (5065270) **4.35 Clarissa** (r) (Ceefax) (5453725) **5.00 Newsround** (Ceefax) (8944367) **5.10 Record Breakers** (r) (Ceefax) (7303522)

5.35 Goodrich — All Terrain Enduro. A look at one of Australia's toughest off-road races (r) (544134)

6.00 The Champions. Fantasy espionage series (Ceefax) (476541)

6.50 FILM: The Man Who Never Was (1956) starring Clifton Webb. Based on a true story, this wartime drama re-enacts how a British intelligence officer planned to fool the Germans into thinking the Allies were planning to invade Greece, not Sicily, in the spring of 1943. Directed by Ronald Neame (Ceefax) (16214638)

8.30 Gardeners' World (Ceefax) (s) (2522)

Mary Tyler Moore's on show (9.00pm)

9.00 Dawn and Jennifer's Comedy Zone. This week, Dawn chooses an episode of *Dad's Army* entitled *Menace from the Deep* and an episode of the American comedy series *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* (Ceefax) (s)

10.00 Friday Night Armistice. Satirical comedy show (40015)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (191541)

11.15 Oh Brother! The Voice of the Turtle. The pilot episode of the 1960s comedy series starring Derek Nimmo (167744) Followed by Weatherview

11.50 Later Presents Elvis Costello in Concert. Another chance to see this live set first shown last Saturday (s) (860522). Ends **1.05am**

CHOICE

Future Fantastic: The Incredible Shrinking Planet
BBC1, 7.30pm

Fancy a day trip to Mars? In the catchphrase of this series, it may come "sooner than you think". Or perhaps not. Like *Tomorrow's World*, of which *Future Fantastic* is a close relative, the show is full of predictions. The test is whether any of them will come to pass. On the radio the other day a woman said she was still waiting for the robot housewife which was featured on *Tomorrow's World* in the Raymond Baxter era. Back to *Future Fantastic*, which is looking at flying cars and other means of popping off to other planets. There is no shortage of inventors to assure us that success is just around the corner. There is also teleportation, an electronic device long promoted by science fiction writers. But even Gillian Anderson, the show's confident presenter, is cagey about this one.

Chicago Hope
BBC1, 10.00pm

America's answer to *Casualty* returns with a solution, admittedly extreme, to hospital waiting lists. For the third time running a dying man has been denied the chance of a heart transplant because the hospital has decided that another patient is more deserving. The man's brother is, to say the least, not pleased. Seizing a gun which has conveniently fallen from the holster of a police officer admitted to the hospital with gunshot wounds, he demands that his brother gets a new heart at once, or else. Mandy Patinkin's Dr Jeffrey Geiger and the team are faced with a dilemma for which medical school has clearly not prepared them. And with the wounded cop still full of bullets, which are liable to explode and blow off the surgeon's fingers, this one episode contains enough excitement for a series.

Whose Line Is It Anyway?
Channel 4, 10.30pm

The improvisational show returns for a new series, the eighth, and as long as the performers are willing there is no reason why it should not go on into the next century. Although BBC Radio must take credit for launching the format, its transfer to the screen gave it a new dimension. Radio is a wonderful medium but it cannot convey either mime or facial expressions, both of which are central to the fun. As ever, Clive Anderson referees, the studio audience shouts out its suggestions for off-the-cuff comic sketches and Richard Vranch provides the music. Ryan Stiles, Greg Proops and Colin Mochrie are tonight's clowns and other regulars featured during the run include Josie Lawrence, Stephen Frost and Caroline Quentin. Look out, too, for guest appearances from Rory Bremner and Ardal O'Hanlon of *Father Ted*.

Takeover TV
Channel 4, 11.05pm

Getting viewers to send in their camcorder funnies (£90 paid for each one transmitted) may seem a thin formula for a show, but as an undemanding end-of-week entertainment it will just about do. None of the clips lasts more than a minute, and some considerably less. The advantages are that quantity ensures variety and the duds are over quickly. Many of the contributors seem to have cut their teeth on *The Goon Show* and its television protegé, *Monty Python's Flying Circus*. These are excellent models, and they provide some inspirational offerings, though too much of the same sort of joke can become wearying. Back from the previous series is a ventriloquist whose voice emerges from his buttocks. Each week he delivers a celebrity impersonation, starting with John Major.

Peter Waymark

HTV

6.00am GMTV (1531305) **9.25 The Real Ghostbusters** (r) (Teletext) (6803102) **9.50 Hope and Gloria** (7379096) **10.20 News** (9755638)

10.30 FILM: The Scarlet Pimpernel (1982) Conclusion of yesterday's swashbuckler Directed by Clive Donner (86363367)

12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (2587299)

12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (9091676)

12.55 NEW **Sixth Sense.** Susie Johns tackles problems affecting the studio audience (Teletext) (s) (9076367)

1.25 Liz Earle's Lifestyle (Teletext) (s) (5229473) **2.00 Home and Away** (s) (Teletext) (61969812) **2.25 Murder, She Wrote** (s) (7169541) **3.20 News** (9580560)

3.30 Rosie and Jim (s) (3761928) **3.40 The Treacle People** (s) (1426454) **3.50 Zzzap!** (r) (s) (6982657) **4.10 Cartoon Time** (2639725) **4.15 The Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries** (r) (Teletext) (5068367)

4.40 NEW **On the Spot.** Youngsters ask questions of their sporting heroes (Teletext) (s) (2641560)

5.10 A Country Practice (s) (7840831)

5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (576763)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s) (763247)

6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (100270)

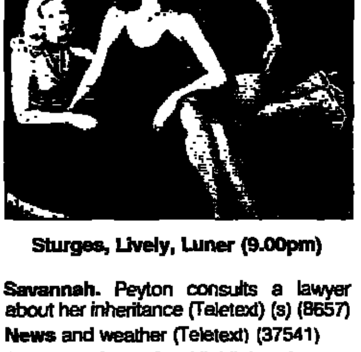
6.50 Let's Go (520305)

7.00 Lucky Numbers (Teletext) (s) (1893)

7.30 Coronation Street. Sally insists she is looking for more from life (Teletext) (265)

8.00 The Bill. A dating agency, rumoured to provide underage girls, comes under investigation (Teletext) (6611)

8.30 Is It Legal? Comedy set in a solicitors office (r) (Teletext) (s) (9676)



Sturges, Lively, Luner (9.00pm)

9.00 Savannah. Peyton consults a lawyer about her inheritance (Teletext) (s) (8657)

10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (37541)

10.40 Olympic Comedy. Highlights from a gala evening of comedy in aid of the British Olympic appeal (113812)

11.10 FILM: In the Line of Duty: Mob Justice (1991) with Tony Danza, Ted Lavine and Dan Lauria. Based on the true story of drugs dealer Gus Farace. A US attorney organises a manhunt to catch the man responsible for the death of an undercover agent. Directed by Peter Markle (754305)

12.55 Funny Business (s) (6775058) **1.25 The Good Sex Guide . . . Late** (s) (4663690)

2.30 FILM: License to Drive (1988) with Corey Haim, Corey Feldman and Carol Kane. Comedy about two teenagers who want to live life in the fast lane. Directed by Greg Beeman (s) (242226)

4.05 Not Fade Away (r) (s) (2537706)

5.00 Best of British Motor Sport (r) (35329)

5.30 Morning News (86954)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except:

6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (274270)

10.40 Film: The Amityville Horror (1979) Horror movie starring James Brolin, Margot Kidder and Rod Steiger. Directed by Stuart Rosenberg (71039183)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:

10.30am Murder, She Wrote (1511928)

11.25 Side Effects (1252706)

12.55pm Coronation Street (9076367)

1.25-1.55 Cross Wits (61829928)

1.55 Home and Away (92113096)

2.25 High Road (61979299)

2.55-3.20 Gardeners' Diary (7640305)

5.10 Home and Away (7840831)

6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (72102)

10.30 Westcountry News (749725)

10.45 Film: McCabe and Mrs Miller (65835367)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:

10.30am Murder, She Wrote (1511928)

11.25 Side Effects (1252706)

12.55pm Home and Away (9076367)

1.25 Cross Wits (61829928)

1.55 A Country Practice (78731725)

2.20-3.20 Blue Heelers (7778980)

5.10 Shortland Street (7840831)

6.25-7.00 Central News (274270)

10.40 Film: Best Friends (56608299)

12.40am Comedy Central (8848394)

1.40 The Good Sex Guide (4325961)

3.05 Dear Nick (3248941)

4.05 Jobfinder (4473110)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:

10.30 Lady Boss (86363367)

12.55pm Coronation Street (9076367)

1.25 Home and Away (61829928)

1.55-2.20 Shortland Street (78731725)

2.20 Murder, She Wrote (7160270)

5.10 Home and Away (7840831)

5.37 Three Minutes - Your Story (768218)

6.00-7.00 Meridian Tonight (72102)

10.30 Meridian News and Weather (749725)

10.45 The Magic and Mystery Show (277744)

11.15 Film: Frankenstein Unbound (302763)

12.40am Music Box Profile (8740459)

5.00 Freescreen (35329)

S4C

Starts: 6.35 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (8601034) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (54657) **9.00 Film: Babes on Broadway** (97541760) **11.10 A Very, Very Long Time Ago** (3874638) **11.15 Lonely Planet** (3553299) **12.00 Sesame Street** (74560) **1.00pm Slot Meithrin** (57744) **1.30 On the Road to the Islands** (92136947) **1.55 Channel 4 Racing From York** (11039742) **4.30 Absolutely Animals** (928) **5.00 5 Pump: Anifeiliaid Y** (9299) **5.30 Countdown** (980) **6.00 Newyddion** (489299) **6.15 Heno** (923034) **7.00 Pobol Y Cwm** (301367) **7.25 Ir Byw: Efengylwyr** (552980) **8.00 50 Fed Llangollen** (8183) **8.30 Newyddion** (7218) **9.00 Home to Roost** (8928) **9.30 Tour De France** (82589) **10.00 *Brookside* (35183) 10.30 Whose Line Is It Anyway?** (479831) **11.05 Takeover TV** (112657) **11.35 Film: Torch Song Trilogy** (81338473) **1.45am Film: Before I Hang** (6118400) **2.55 Beat Specials** (7453023)

CHANNEL 4

6.35am The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (r) (8601034)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (54657)

9.00 FILM: Babes on Broadway (1941, b/w) with Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland. Directed by Busby Berkeley (97541760)

11.10 A Very, Very Long Time Ago (3874638)

11.15 Lonely Planet (r) (3553299)

12.00 Garden Party (r) (Teletext) (s) (34454)

12.30pm On the Road to the Islands (74560)

1.00 Sesame Street (r) (s) (50980)

2.00 Channel 4 Racing from York. Live coverage of the **2.40, 3.10, 3.40** and **4.10** races (s) (854560)

4.30 Countdown (Teletext) (s) (928) **5.00 Keepers of the Kingdoms** (r) (Teletext) (1034)

6.00 Hangin' with Mr Cooper (Teletext) (s) (563229)

6.25 Tour De France. Stage 12 (272812)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (309725)

7.55 Book Choice (Teletext) (s) (659676)

8.00 Garden Party. Tom Barber and the team visit Elsing Hall in Norfolk, to find out how to cultivate a "wild" garden (Teletext) (s) (8183)

8.30 Brookside. Mick at last gives Jimmy a chance (Teletext) (s) (7218)

9.00 Cybill. Ira finally has a script accepted. Unfortunately, it is all about Cybill, who is portrayed as a promiscuous, self-centred lush. With Cybill Shepherd, Alan Rosenberg and Paula Abdul (Teletext) (s) (8928)

9.30 Friends: The One With Phoebe's Husband. Phoebe shocks everyone when she announces that she has a husband. (Teletext) (s) (82589)

10.00 Frasier. American comedy. Niles and Frasier decide to enter family therapy with a Dr Schater in order to try to get on better. Starring Kelsey Grammer, David Hyde Pierce and Milo O'Shea (Teletext) (s) (35183)

10.30 CHOICE **Whose Line Is It Anyway?** The return of the series of improvised comedy (Teletext) (s) (479831)

Video-guru Adam Buxton (11.05pm)

11.05 CHOICE **Takeover TV.** A new eight-part series presented by Adam Buxton (s) (112657)

11.35 FILM: Torch Song Trilogy . (1988). Comedy drama starring Harvey Fierstein, directed by Paul Bogart. (Teletext) (s) (81338473)

1.45 FILM: Before I Hang (1940, b/w). A horror movie starring Boris Karloff as a scientist, awaiting the death penalty for a mercy killing, who continues on his anti-ageing research in prison. Directed by Nick Grindé (6118400)

2.55am Beat Specials. With Skunk Anansie and Bush in concert (r) (s) (7453023). Ends **3.50**

SATELLITE AND CABLE

● For more comprehensive listings of satellite and cable channels, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday

SKY ONE

7.00am Undun (76893) **9.00** Press Your Luck (1157638) **9.20** Love Connection (3714560) **9.45** Oprah Winfrey (9461763) **10.40** Jeopardy! (6509928) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (1532812) **12.00** Sightings (87560) **12.30** Murphy Brown (15831) **1.00** Hotel (10386) **2.00** Geraldo (64560) **3.00** Court TV (3270) **3.30** Oprah Winfrey (5589676) **4.15** Undun (4212386) **5.00** Quantum Leap (4522) **6.00** The Making of Space Precinct (4473) **6.30** Rescue (5725) **7.00** Spellbound (5251) **7.30** M*A*S*H (1909) **8.00** 3rd Rock from the Sun (1299) **8.30** Jimmy's (3034) **9.00** Walker, Texas Ranger (60305) **10.00** Quantum Leap (30164) **11.00** Highlander (96657) **12.00** Late Show with David Letterman (1180226) **12.45am** Miracles and Other Wonders (5400597) **1.30** The Edge (96597) **2.00** Hit Mix Long Play (2741690)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (7167251) **9.30** Century (19657) **10.30** ABC Nightline (61522) **1.30pm** CBS News This Morning (12744) **2.30** Parliament Live (1386) **3.00** Sky News (1812) **3.30** The Lords Live (6831) **6.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton (3367) **7.30** Sportsline (2251) **8.30** Entertainment (1676) **11.30** CBS Evening News (67657) **12.30am** ABC World News Tonight (27936) **1.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton Replay (94139) **2.30** Worldwide Report (41077) **3.30** The Lords (32329) **4.30** CBS Evening News (68226) **5.30** ABC World News Tonight (67042)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Demetrius and the Gladiators (1954) (78744) **8.00 The Adventures of Robin Hood (1938)** (55812) **10.00 Prelude to a Kiss (1992)** (26947) **12.00 All Hands on Deck (1961)** (78763) **2.00pm The Mask (1994)** (54744) **4.00 Snoopy, Come Home (1972)** (9454) **6.00 Prelude to a Kiss (1992)** (34980) **8.00 The Mask (1994)** (46725) **10.00 Fearless (1993)** (54812305) **12.05am Fist of Justice (1993)** (162226) **1.45 The Unspoken Truth (1995)** (197313) **3.15 Colour of Love (1992)** (90346752)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

12.00 Seven Angry Men (1954) (80788) **2.00pm Father of the Bride (1950)** (36386) **4.00 Scared Stiff (1952)** (8386) **6.00 His Kind of Woman (1951)** (16522) **8.00 No Sex Please, We're British! (1973)** (28367) **10.00 Aliens — the Director's Cut (1986)** (99358676) **12.35am Rich Kids (1979)** (395752) **2.15 All Night Long (1981)** (700936) **3.45-5.35 Portrait of a Mobster (1961)** (845023)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Three Musketeers (1939) (86305) **7.30 A Tale of Two Cities (1989)** (55184) **8.30 Dogtanian in: One for All and All for One (1995)** (91034) **10.00 Carson City (1952)** (24589) **12.00 Broken Pledges (1994)** (78305) **2.00pm The Roots of Heaven (1958)** (66021725) **4.10 A Tale of Two Cities (1989)** (8175015) **5.00 The Corsican Brothers** (3760) **6.00 Snowbound: The Jim and Jennifer Stolpa Story (1993)** (20947) **7.30 UK Top Ten** (7947) **8.00 Breach of Conduct (1994)** (44367) **10.00 Dream Lover (1994)** (698015) **11.45 Getting Out (1993)** (767164) **1.20am Slamdance (1987)** (971690) **3.05 Thief of Hearts (1984)** (777077) **4.50-5.59 The Three Musketeers (1939)** (1396706)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
6.05am Quack Attack (78079270) **6.30** Chip 'n' Dale (64597725) **6.55** Chip 'n' Dale (64509560) **7.20** Ducktales (38839819) **7.45** Ducktales (34623218) **8.10** Quack Attack (48187742) **8.35** Darkwing Duck (47858812) **9.00** Darkwing Duck (95449034) **9.30** Quack Attack (14175980) **10.00** Raw Toonage (84095560) **10.30** Marsupilami (95445218) **11.00** Chip 'n' Dale (82157676) **11.20** Chip 'n' Dale (82133096) **11.45** Sing Me a Story with Belle (52905034) **12.15pm** Lamb Chop's Play-along! (64375541) **12.45** Muppet Babies (50601183) **1.00 FILM: Disney's Old Yeller** (37450305) **2.30** The Making of Hunchback of Notre Dame R! (84114218) **3.00** Ducktales (10079251) **3.25** Quack Attack (10098386) **3.50** Rescue Rangers (68512980) **4.15** Darkwing Duck (59252831) **4.35** Darkwing Duck (97624102) **5.00** Cyberstar (42975270) **6.30 FILM: The Little Riders** (52465611) **8.15-10.00 FILM: Once in a Blue Moon** (69416096)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Sailing (39386) **8.00** Motors (41541) **9.00** Cycling (43812) **10.00** Live Tennis (81753270) **12.45pm** Live Cycling (25406096) **1.00** Live Formula 1 (68454) **2.00** Live Cycling (13482725) **4.40** Tennis (4208657) **6.00** Formula 1 (86218) **7.00** Tractor Pulling (95015) **8.00** Four-wheels (2183) **8.30** Live Athletics (1904218) **9.50** Sportscentre (793725) **10.00** Formula 1 (94386) **11.00** Cycling (36299) **12.00-12.30am** Pro Wrestling (49923)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Futbol Mundial (25183) **7.30** Wrestling (53170) **8.30** Racing News (45473) **9.00** Big Time Racing Bowe V Galota (95454) **11.00** Boots 'n' All (20638) **12.00** Wrestling (62638) **1.00pm** European Golf: Scottish Open (2174676) **6.00** Sports Centre (510893) **6.05** Golf USA: Michelob Championship (721638) **7.00** Super League: Bradford v Wigan (763744) **9.30** Big Time Boxing Bowe v Galota (52657) **11.30** Sports Centre (886251) **11.45** Skill Sailing UK Series (437164) **12.15am** Super League. Bradford v Wigan (222348) **2.15** Gillette World Sport Special (710868) **2.45-3.00** Sports Centre (7203597)

SKY SPORTS 2

7.00pm Ford Scorpio Golf USA: Michelob Championship — Live (3879034) **8.00** Ford Scorpio Golf USA Senior Players Championship — Live (3859270) **10.00** PGA European Golf: Scottish Open (6646170) **12.00** Finish Line (6434226) **12.30-1.00am** Gillette World Sport Special (6239232)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

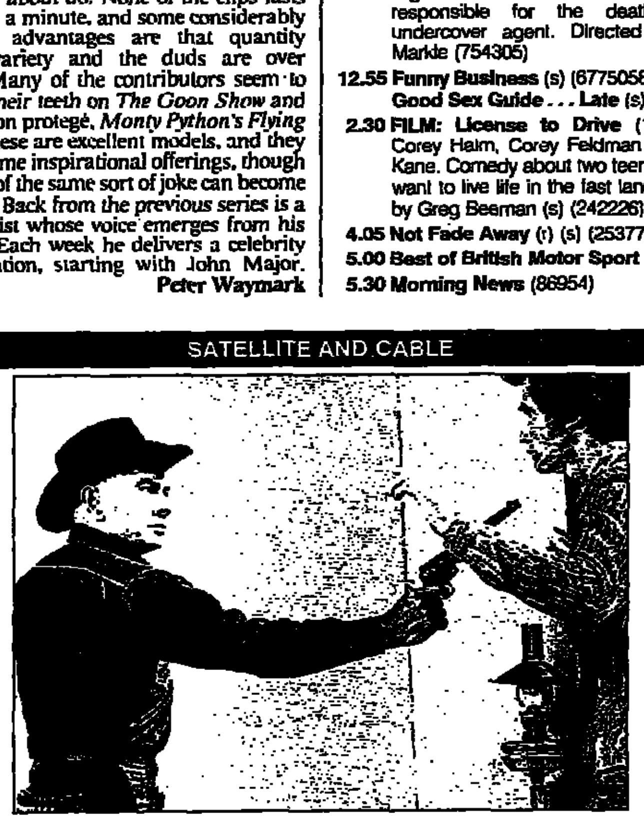
4.00am Thought for the Day **4.05** Worship **4.15** Kids TV **4.30** Carman Times Two **5.00** Voice of Victory with Kenneth and Gloria Copeland **5.30** Christian Music **5.45** This Is Your Day with Benny Hinn **6.15** TBA **6.45-7.00** Good Morning Europe

SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (3303270) **7.55** As the World Turns (4191638) **8.50** Peyton Place (9682522) **9.20** Days of Our Lives (9268812) **10.10-11.00** Another World (4451589)

SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Boomerang (9935394) **11.30** American Vacation (6163928) **12.30pm** Floyd on Oz (6736831) **1.00** Getaway (8376454) **1.30** Great Escapes (6735102) **2.00** Florida (2776909) **2.30** Cruising the Globe (1162251) **3.00** Globetrotter (2780744) **3.30** Around the World in 30 Minutes (5140522) **3.55-4.00** Holiday Shop (86501386)



Yul Brynner and James Brolin in *Westworld* (TNT, 8.00pm)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Weapons at War (2246314) **5.00** Mysteries of the Bible (2771096) **6.00-7.00** Biography (6711522)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

1.00am The Six Million Dollar Man (9811810) **2.00 FILM: Alien Lover** (6813990) **3.30-4.00** Robotech (4567400)

TLC

9.00am Painting (5951251) **9.30** Gardeners' Diary (8651367) **10.00** Neat Stuff (5647657) **10.30** This Old House (5980763) **11.00** The Painted House (1769541) **11.30** Room Service (1769270) **12.00** Julia Child (5971015) **12.30pm** The Frugal Gourmet (8555183) **1.00** Simply Delicious Versatile Vegetables (1544589) **1.30** Home Again with Bob Vila (8654454) **2.00** Our House (9802003) **2.30** Garden Club (3454015) **3.00** Two's Country (6952788) **3.30-4.00** This Old House (3459560)

UK GOLD

7.00am Rentaghost (1547676) **7.30** Neighbours (1526183) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (5970386) **8.30** EastEnders (5979657) **9.00** The Bill (5960909) **9.30** The Sullivans (8653725) **10.00** Poldark (1522367) **11.00** Bullseye (1777299) **11.30** XYZ (1010096) **12.05pm** Sons and Daughters (83431015) **12.30** Neighbours (8657541) **1.00** EastEnders (2668947) **1.35** Hi-De-Hi (4534034) **2.15** The Liver Birds (6698164) **2.50** Terry and June (6342251) **3.30** The Bill (3468218) **4.00** Casualty (1751251) **5.00** Every Second Counts (6268763) **5.45** Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? (6864980) **6.25** EastEnders (4190744) **7.00** The Best of Top of the Pops (2210831) **7.55** Bullseye (9368473) **8.25** To the Manor Born (3590589) **9.00** Casualty (3115034) **10.00** The Bill (3392812) **10.35** Alexei Sayle's Stuff (1082947) **11.10** Minder (4968831) **12.15am FILM: Blood of Dracula** (13453329) **1.30** Carrott Confidential (2221400) **2.00-3.00** Shopping (9013435)

TCC

6.00am Swan's Crossing (83454) **6.30** Round the Twist (80706) **7.00** Ready or Not (33473) **7.30** California Dreams (12980) **8.00** Byker Grove (75638) **8.30** Degrassi Junior High (74909) **9.00** Enogoud (98589) **9.30** Bobby's World (94251) **10.00** Battletech (92638) **10.30** Cadillacs and Dinosaurs (87473) **11.00** Stunt Dawgs (92454) **11.30** Baby Follies (93183) **12.00** Tiny TCC (78725) **12.30pm** Tiny and Crew (7083812) **12.50** Little Brmm (44961541) **1.00** Bump (96729164) **1.10** Cococinel (77210305) **1.15** Teddy Trucks (96748299) **1.30** Sesame Street (26299) **2.30** Johnson and Friends (7308229) **2.40** Greedysaurus (3062096) **2.45** King Rollo (3061367) **2.50** The Clangers (7403873) **3.00** Eek (7724) **3.30** Pink Panther (2831) **4.00** California Dreams (8638) **4.30-5.00** Byker Grove

NICKELODEON

6.00am Dungeons and Dragons (47638) **6.30** Galaxy High School (92367) **7.00** Mr Men (7098398) **7.15** Rocko (8274560) **7.30** Rugrats (35560) **8.00** Doug (44744) **8.30** Aahhh!!! Real Monsters (43015) **9.00** Biker Mice (34387) **9.30** Littlest Petshop (70657) **10.00** Bananas in Pyjamas (6442183) **10.10** Babar (4930725) **10.35** Jumbo (4000676) **10.40** Skylark (4007589) **10.45** Bananas in Pyjamas (2957812) **11.00** CBBC (11980) **12.00** Little Bear Stories (5783096) **12.25pm** Mr Men (6713560) **12.30** Grimmy (74473) **1.00** Denver (51137102) **1.25** Mr Men (25454541) **1.30** Rude Dog (73744) **2.00** Littlest Pet Shop (5893) **2.30** CBBC (94305) **3.30** Biker Mice (6015) **4.00** Fish and Chips (3236638) **4.15** Aahhh!! Real Monsters (3259589) **4.30** Rugrats (1846164) **4.45** Doug (1974947) **5.00** Sister Sister (9473) **5.30** Clarissa (5386) **6.00** Alex Mack (2299) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (6251)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Deep Probe Expeditions (1759893) **5.00** Time Travellers (1902283) **5.30** Jurassica (3458831) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (8653102) **7.00** Crocodile (1607639) **7.30** Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (3435980) **8.00** Natural Born Killers (3193812) **9.00** Justice Files (3113676) **10.00** Morgan (5972744) **10.30** Ford (5858164) **11.00-12.00** Unexplained

BRAVO

12.00 Robin Hood (5968541) **12.30pm** William Tell (8659909) **1.00** Thirtysomething (8647164) **2.00** Man from Interpol (1007837) **2.30** Scotland Yard (3441541) **3.00** The Saint (1767812) **4.00 FILM: The Stranger** (2257170) **6.00** Charlie Chan (3442270) **6.30** Danger Man (3433522) **7.00** Manimal (3111218) **8.00** The Time Tunnel (3197638) **9.00** Hammer House of Horror (3100102) **10.00-12.00 FILM: Doppelganger: The Evil Within** (1766183)

PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Family Ties (6909) **7.30** Entertainment (5763) **8.00** Wings (5657) **8.30** Laverne and Shirley (4164) **9.00** Soap (69102) **9.30** Taxi (61909) **10.00** Entertainment (48560) **10.30** The Critic (24980) **11.00** Dr Katz (71947) **11.30** Nightstand (44725) **12.30am** I Love Lucy (65110) **1.00** Laverne and Shirley (98077) **1.30** Taxi (30955) **2.00** Entertainment (34868) **2.30** The Critic (19503) **3.00** Dr Katz (94923) **3.30-4.00** Nightstand (37955)

UK LIVING

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Welshman recovers on inward half to retain share of lead at Carnoustie

Woosnam comes storming home

By John Hopkins
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Woosnam looks concerned after a wayward shot from the 7th tee at Carnoustie yesterday. However, he was still leading the Scottish Open last night. Photograph: Ian Stewart

ALL that Carnoustie had needed to turn the first day of the Scottish Open into the best possible examination of the mental and physical characteristics required by a professional golfer was better weather. Yesterday it got it. For most of a long second day, it was sunny and windy, in marked contrast to the drab greyness interspersed with rain squalls of the previous day.

Golf is as susceptible as anything at the seaside to fluctuations in the wind and variations in the temperature and, in mid-afternoon, the wind that had turned Carnoustie's tigerish links into a place of exquisite torture began to die down. Where once there had been the sound of tent flaps slapping on their restraining ropes, there was now an eerie silence.

It was about this time that Sam Torrance came out of the Bank of Scotland caravan and looked around. He had a grin on his face so, clearly, he had not had to pay the £5 that was being levied on visitors for the privilege of cashing a cheque. "Seaside golf, eh," Torrance growled. "Terrific if you're playing now."

Torrance had started at 8.30am, when the wind was at its strongest, and you got an idea of how difficult the course was from then until they finished four or so hours later from the fact that he, Costantino Rocca and Michael Campbell were a total of 21 over par. Torrance had a 77, Rocca and Campbell, two of the heroes of that thrilling last afternoon in the Open at St Andrews almost exactly a year ago, had 80s.

Of those who played in the morning, not only did no one break 70 but 24 men did not break 80. Rounds of 71, such as those by Peter Baker, Eduardo Romero and Greg Turner, were heroic. Turner described his 71 as perhaps one of the best rounds of his life.

"I woke up this morning hoping there would be some respite from the wind of yesterday," Turner said. "In fact it was blowing even stronger." The 17th was once again into the wind and, once again, one of the few par-fours that required most competitors to use a wood from the tee and another from the fairway. "I flushed my drive, and I absolutely flushed a three-wood to get my ball to within 15 feet of the pin," Turner said.

Some of the scores were shocking. Joakim Haeggman, a Ryder Cup player in 1993, took an 82, Mark Roe an 84, Barry Lane a 79. Howard Clark went out in 42 and back in 41 for an 83. One of the best comebacks of the day was by David Howell, who reeled to the turn in 46, ten over par, only to return home in a gritty 37.

Turner forecast that some players would be close to the end of their teethers. "It is going to blow some minds out there," he said. "I wouldn't be at all surprised if I'm leading at the end of the day."

Turner, three over par, was not a leader but he was not far off. The lead was shared by three men who played some or all of their rounds during the calmer afternoon. Woosnam (70 and 74), Russell Claydon (72, 72) and Jay Townsend (72, 72) were all tied on level par, a total that probably felt like two or three-under because of the difficulty of the course.

After finishing weakly in his first round, Woosnam roared home in his second, covering the 11th to the 18th in two under par. "It was very difficult," Woosnam said. "It was a game of patience out there. You just had to hang on as long as you could."

For Montgomerie, who had shared the lead with Woosnam after 18 holes, this was not very long. Starting at the 5th, he dropped four strokes in the next four holes before mounting a bit of a rescue operation with birdies on the 12th and 14th.

Then he spoilt this by dropping three strokes in his last four holes. He took it on the chin, the disappointment he felt at a round of 77 being assuaged, somewhat, by the fact that he was only three strokes behind the leaders.

Montgomerie's weakness was an inaccuracy with his driver, as it had been in Ireland. He thought that he had cured it in what, for him, was an inordinately long session with Bill Ferguson, his coach, lasting all of 20 minutes. He was wrong.

The Scotsman refused to be drawn into the chorus of criticism of the flag placements, descriptions of which varied from disgraceful to very difficult. Instead, he revealed a degree of that has not always been present in the past.

"They were tough on some holes but these are real Open Championship pins and the same for all of us," Montgomerie said. "They make this a great venue for the Scottish Open."

SECOND-ROUND LEADERS

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144: J Townsend (US) 72, 72; R Claydon 72, 72; I Woosnam 70, 74. 145: P Baker 74, 71; P Lawrie 71, 74. 146: R Allenby (Aus) 71, 75; M Hallberg (Swe) 75, 71. 147: G Turner (NZ) 76, 71; P Broadhurst 71, 76; L Westwood 73, 74; C Montgomerie 70, 77; S Richardson 72, 75. 148: P O'Malley (Aus) 73, 75; M Mackenzie 72, 76; B Estes (US) 72, 76. 149: R Karlsson (Swe) 75, 74; P Mitchell 75, 74; P Fulke (Swe) 77, 72; E McIntosh 76, 73; D Hospital (Sp) 75, 74; J Coceres (Arg) 72, 77; J Rivero (Sp) 71, 78; M James 74, 75; A Johnstone (Zim) 77, 72. 150: A Collison 72, 78; A Coltart 74, 76; D Smyth 75, 75; T Gogele (Ger) 74, 76; D Borrego (Sp) 72, 78; P Moloney (Aus) 72, 78. 151: C Suneson (Sp) 75, 76; D Robertson 76, 75; G Brand Jr 74, 77; E Romero (Arg) 80, 71; M Gates 76, 75; P McGinley 75, 76; A Sherborne 76, 75; J Payne 79, 72; D Gilford 74, 77; R Boxall 74, 77. 152: B Hughes (Aus) 78, 74; B Marchbank 76, 76; J Parnevik (Swe) 74, 78; S McAllister 78, 74; M Gronberg (Swe) 76, 76; C Cevaer (Fr) 76, 76; R Goosen (SA) 75, 77; D Feherty 74, 78; R Russell 76, 76; R Drummond 73, 79; M Farry (Fr) 76, 76. 153: N Briggs 75, 78; P Eales 78, 75; R Rafferty 77, 76; S Torrance 76, 77; A Lyle 79, 74; E Els (SA) 76, 77; T Tolles (US) 76, 77; P Sjoland (Swe) 75, 78; A Oldcorn 77, 76; K Eriksson (Swe) 73, 80; O Karlsson (Swe) 74, 79. 154: P Senior (Aus) 73, 81; P-U Johansson (Swe) 79, 75; P Harrington 76, 78; D Scott 77, 77; S Field 79, 75; D A Russell 78, 76; S Ames (Trin) 74, 80.

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Cup draw offers England host of benefits

By Alan Lee
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND have been drawn in the same group as Sri Lanka, the holders, for the next cricket World Cup, to be staged in England during the early summer of 1999. In what is a favourable draw for the host country, however, England avoid Australia, West Indies and Pakistan.

The draw was made yesterday at the end of the annual meeting of the International Cricket Council (ICC), which agreed upon a greatly improved format for the next event. The quarter-finals, which rendered the groups entirely uncompetitive during the event in the Indian subcontinent last winter, have been replaced by a second group stage involving the top six qualifiers.

Coloured clothing will be used for the first time in international cricket in this country and, with the weather being a potentially significant factor, reserve days will be set aside for each of the 42 scheduled games.

The wrangle over the chairmanship of the ICC was deadlocked at the end of the conference. Jagmohan Dalmiya, the controversial Indian candidate, polled 25 votes to the 13 gained by his remaining opponent, Malcolm Gray, of Australia, in a second ballot but neither man gained the required support of six out of nine Test-playing countries. Five voted for Gray and three for Dalmiya.

Ali Bacher, managing director of the United Cricket Board of South Africa, is to head a new development committee charged with expanding the game in unexplored areas. The meeting agreed that there will be a second conference of Test captains in England next May and a subcommittee has been established to examine and update the ICC constitution.

GROUP A: Sri Lanka, India, South Africa, England, Zimbabwe, ICC Trophy runner-up.

GROUP B: Australia, West Indies, Pakistan, New Zealand, ICC Trophy winners, ICC Trophy third-placed team.

Each team will play five round-robin matches. The top three teams in each group qualify for second group stage. The top three teams in group A will play the top three teams in group B and the top four after those nine matches will qualify for the semi-finals — first against fourth, second against third

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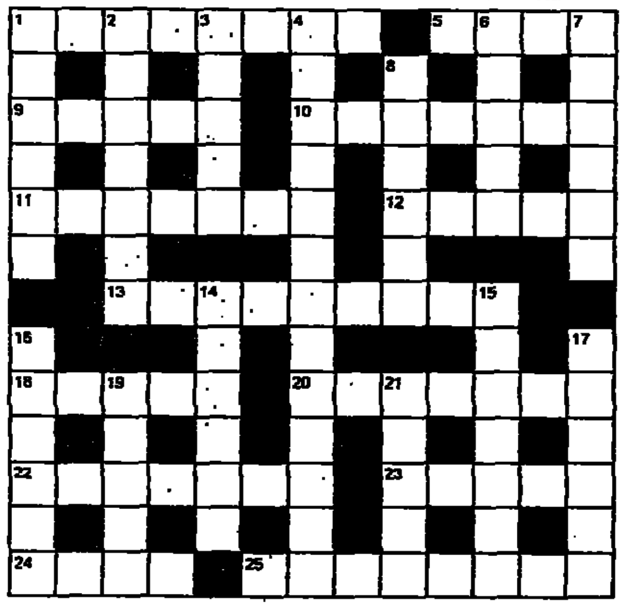

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12 Adolescent years (5)
13 Coolness of nerve (4-5)
18 Acute; Becky — (*Vanity Fair*) (5)
20 Driving force; whim (7)
22 Entrust; commit (7)
23 Lop off (5)
24 Full of grease (4)
25 Abstruse; for initiates only (8)

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1 Take away (6)
2 Death, made by *bare bodkin* (*Hamlet*) (7)
3 Bury; It. football team (5)
4 A toast; *infested barns (anag.)* (6,7)
6 Os; a threatened layer (5)
7 One bare for choice (6)
8 Military pageant (6)
14 Cloth for diner (6)
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Wiseman takes over FA chair

By Russell Kempson

KEITH WISEMAN will lead English football into the next millennium. Wiseman, 51, a Hampshire solicitor, was appointed chairman of the Football Association (FA) yesterday. He succeeds Sir Bert Millichip, 82, who has retired after 15 years in the job.

The appointment of Wiseman, vice-chairman of Southampton, is something of a surprise. He was one of the least favoured of the four candidates, which also included Geoff Thompson, secretary of the Sheffield and Hallamshire District of the FA, David Richards, the Sheffield Wednesday chairman, and Sir David Hill-Wood, cousin of Peter Hill-Wood, the Arsenal chairman.

However, after Hill-Wood and Richards were eliminated in the opening rounds of the voting by the full FA Council, Wiseman beat Thompson 49-37 in the third ballot. Ironically, Thompson had defeated Wiseman to become the official FA Premier League candidate, with Wiseman consequently putting himself forward as an independent.

Wiseman, though carefully diplomatic on his public bow, did not avoid one of the most contentious issues — that the 91-strong FA Council is unwieldy and contains too many members who have little contact with or experience of top-flight football. It was a great regret of Sir Bert's that he had been unable to effect any change in the set-up.

"I have an enormous range of problems to deal with," Wiseman said. "What needs to be done is quite clear and it is important that there is a strong executive committee or board to take a fair amount of the decisions without having to refer them on."

Wiseman, the coroner for Southampton and the New Forest for the past three years, has served on the FA Council since 1993. He is also a member of the club competitions committee of Uefa, the European football union, and views English football as in a healthy state.

"After Euro 96, it is a marvellous time to be taking over," he said. "There is much to be done but I think the country is in as buoyant a mood as it could be. It is always important that we have a strong national team, and our clubs have a strong influence in Europe, but I also expect to devote a fair share of my time at grass roots level."

Wiseman: surprise choice

Wiseman endorsed England's bid to stage the 2006 World Cup finals and also the urgent need to appoint an FA technical director.

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Hill pledges drive to remember

By Oliver Holt

DAMON HILL yesterday recalled the times when his late father, Graham, used to bring him to Silverstone in the 1960s and leave him in a hut on the infield to play with other children while he went off to race. They called the hut "the doghouse", and, after Hill had finished his trip down Memory Lane, Michael Schumacher sought to shut him back in it.

It was at Silverstone last year that the feud between the rivals started, first with Hill describing Schumacher as "a clone" and then with the collision near the end of the race that sent them both into a gravel trap and retirement. The rest of the season was punctuated by insults, bumps and scrapes.

From the start of this season, though, something of an uneasy truce has prevailed. Hill has refused to get sucked into a slanging match; Schumacher has been too busy dealing with the many problems at Ferrari.

What happened yesterday, as they prepared for the British Grand Prix on Sunday, was tame in comparison with much of what we got last season but, significantly, it was the world champion, who trails Hill by 37 points in the race for the drivers' title, who could not resist attempting to undermine his rival.

As Schumacher arrived yesterday afternoon, he was asked what he thought of reports that Hill was asking to be paid £12 million to stay with Williams next season. "Don't you mean lira?" Schumacher smiled.

Then there were a few platitudes about how Hill deserved the money if he could get it. But, when the German was asked what he thought about the possibility of Hill drawing level with his tally of 20 victories if he wins on Sunday, Schumacher went on the attack again.

"Damon may well equal my record," he said, "but he has not won two world titles. I think perhaps that tells you something. It is likely that he will win the title this year but I hope he enjoys it while he can because I will come back and try to take it away from him next year."

Hill, meanwhile, denied suggestions made by Bernie Ecclestone, the sport's impresario, that he was benefiting from team orders imposed on his Williams-Renault teammate, Jacques Villeneuve. "I think Mr Ecclestone is being a bit of a monkey," Hill said.

But, just as Schumacher had played the patriotic card a fortnight ago, saying he hoped he could win the French Grand Prix to match the German football team's triumph in Euro 96, so Hill got into the spirit of the occasion yesterday.

"The odds are against me continuing to win races at the same ratio as I have done so far this season," Hill said. "I am not trying to escape any responsibility by saying that, though, and I feel I have got the opportunity to produce a British victory in the British Grand Prix.

"We all sat through the football and the tennis and we want to have something cheer about. I will be trying damn hard to make it happen."

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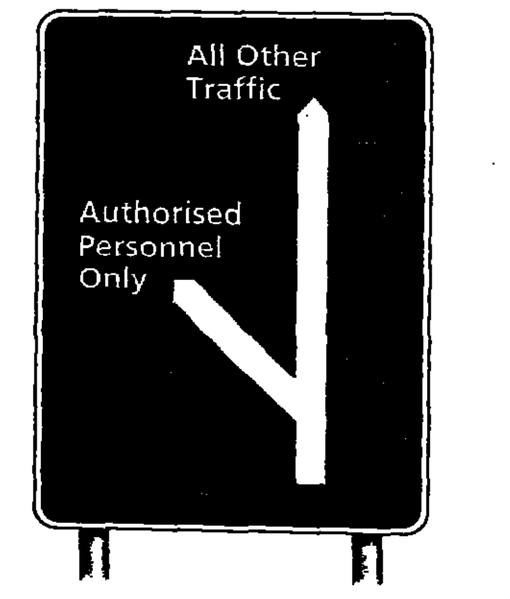

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MPs to vote on colony's forgotten war widows

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

AMONG Hong Kong's mighty problems, 28 old ladies seem inconsequential. What are they compared to the 1997 handover, the abolition of the Legislative Council, the shredding of the Bill of Rights, the flight of 1,000 people a week for anywhere else, and the reputation of Chris Patten, the Governor?

But the rapidly dwindling band of war widows, whose shameful case comes up again in the Commons today — in the Hong Kong (War Wives and Widows) No 2 Bill — is a matter of British honour. The issue for MPs is simple: will these women, whose husbands — local Hong Kong men who fought the Japanese in defence of empire, who were imprisoned, and sometimes tortured and beheaded by their captors — be given British passports as promised to them, during visits here, by John Major and Robin Cook, the shadow industry spokesman.

The Bill, after years of stalling, was supposed to sail through in May. It never got to the vote. Robert Ainsworth, a Labour MP and whip, explained during a visit to Hong Kong that when his colleague Nick Brown blocked the Bill it was "retaliation" for a Tory manoeuvre the previous week on a Bill also involving women. Later on the same day, when Mr Ainsworth had been alerted to the import of what he had revealed, he denied that what had happened to the Bill was "tit for tat" and blamed bad parliamentary communication.

Since that infamous day in May, when there were 29 widows, three have died: Lillian Leonard, Gracinda Edwards and Dorothy Ribiero. And two more widows have been tracked down: Chu Sau-ying and Leung Yuk-mai. That the three widows did not live to receive passports is Britain's fault. That there are two newly-discovered women is not due to official British sleuthing.

Whatever the widows do receive, eventually, is down to the efforts of Jack Edwards, a 78-year-old veteran and former PoW, who has fought their battle for years. It was the Welsh Mr Edwards, an implacable white-haired figure on every Remembrance Day at Hong Kong's cenotaph, with a chest covered with medals and displaying a battered British flag buried during the occupation, who wept with joy outside Hong Kong's Government House in spring after a private audience with Mr Major and Governor Patten, who assured him the widows would get their passports. He was equally elated with the even more specific assurances from Robin Cook.

HONG KONG COUNTDOWN

Howard: wrote letter to veterans' widows

And it was Mr Edwards, who after the May debacle — which he heard about after the funeral of Dorothy Ribiero — said: "I'm disgusted and ashamed to be British."

Less than a decade ago Mr Edwards finally managed to procure British passports for the surviving veterans themselves, and it is he who combs the military cemeteries here for "pals" who have been overlooked, lost, or ignored. Such was Chan King, who did underground work for a loosely-organised unit called the British Army Aid Group, which operated behind Japanese lines. He was betrayed and executed. Jack Edwards found Chan's gravestone, bearing one of his alternative names. His widow is Leung Yuk-mai. Recently, he also discovered Idris Curreem, 85, a surviving veteran, whose wife Chu Sau-ying now qualifies for a passport.

Norah Castro, 91, is the widow of A.E.H. "Teddy" Castro, who died five years ago. A veteran of the Hong Kong Volunteers, who like their counterparts in Singapore were ordered to buy time with their lives during the Japanese invasion which caught Britain unprepared. He left prison after almost five years, blind in one eye, and remained an invalid until his death. Ms Castro lives on a pension of 5,000 Hong Kong dollars a month — about £420 — which might pay for two nights in a central hotel.

In 1994 Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, to whom Governor Patten had regularly appealed, wrote to each of the then-surviving war widows, mentioning "your late husband's services in defence of Hong Kong" and promising the widows could come to Britain and stay as long as they liked, if they had not remarried.

Ms Castro, who like the other widows is not keen to live in Britain but knows about principle, in her polite way snorts at this: "So I could go there like any other emigrant and after a number of years I could ask to become a citizen. My husband fought for Hong Kong. Why not just give us the passports? It could happen so easily."

Countess Mountbatten of Burma, an ally of Mr Edwards, wrote to Mr Major in 1994 that "it came as a great shock to me to learn that it was only after many years of intense pressure that Government finally agreed to give British passports to the ex-prisoners of war who suffered so dreadfully for our country." She added that denying the war widows "puts us in a very poor light as far as a great many people in that part of the world are concerned".

Jack Edwards is more blunt. To the argument of Michael Howard and others that admitting the old ladies would "open the floodgates", he replies: "What other colony has been handed over to a Communist country?"

Fury as immigration chief steps down

Hong Kong: Legislators here have accused the Government of launching a cover-up over the surprise resignation of the territory's immigration chief.

Members say they might try to reconvene the Legislative Council, which is in recess, to set up an inquiry into the sudden departure of Lawrence Leung, the Director of Immigration.

He announced his resignation last weekend, citing personal reasons. In an unusual move, his decision became effective immediately. Ronald Arculli, a Legislative Councillor, told government radio: "We smell something".

Lu Ping, Peking's top official on Hong Kong affairs, called the decision "very sudden" and "unusual", and called on the colonial Government to disclose full details about the case.

Mr Leung, 55, said he had stepped down because of mental exhaustion partly provoked by the murder of his daughter in Canada in 1993.

Lam Woon-kwong, the Secretary for the Civil Service, infuriated legislators yesterday by refusing to say whether the Government had asked Mr Leung to retire.

The Hong Kong media have suggested that he was forced to quit because of his access to personal files and alleged closeness to the Chinese side. *(AFP)*

Choi Seung Chan, a North Korean brick factory worker, looking drawn and haggard, who swam to the South in a daring escape because, he said yesterday, people in his country were being treated like dogs and pigs.

Defector in sea ordeal

"It is not just the shortage of food. I came here because North Korea is not a place where people can live. North Korea treats people like dogs and pigs and controls them so much that the place is like a prison," he said. "I decided to go to the South, since I believed that I would die either way."

Mr Choi, who left behind his wife and daughter, said people in North Korea were starving to death. He was speaking to reporters while being liquid-fed in a room at the Defence Ministry. He was picked up in waters around the South Korean-held island of Kanghwa in the Imjin river estuary on the western coast. "I caught crabs and ate them. I think something was wrong with them because I now have a stomach ache," he said.

His escape took three days and he used three bicycle inner-tubes to stay afloat. "I lived under the mountains in Kaesong and I saw every day one to two people who died from starvation being buried," he said. *(Reuter)*

Backpacker jury told wrong man is in dock

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

THE defence completed its summing up in the backpacker murder trial yesterday by accusing one of Ivan Milat's brothers of killing seven hitchhikers.

Terry Martin said the finger of suspicion pointed to Richard Milat and not the roadworker, 51, who is charged with all seven murders. He reminded the jury that Richard Milat had allegedly told workmates: "There are more bodies out there," after two British victims were found in the Belanglo State Forest.

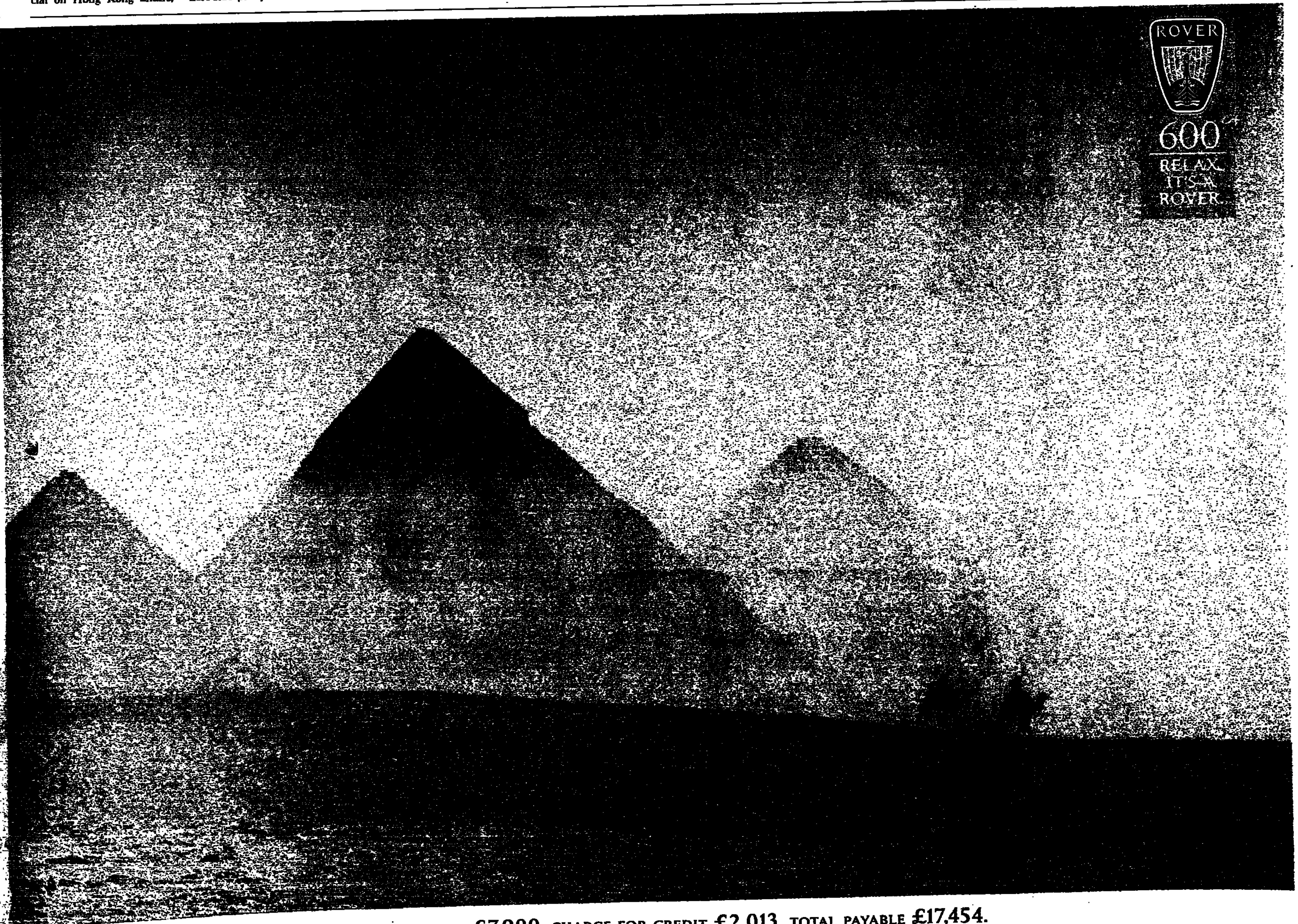
The brother was also reported as saying, "Stabbing a woman is like cutting a loaf of bread." Items belonging to the victims had been found in Richard Milat's locker at his mother's home, Mr Martin said. Hairs found in one of the victim's hand had not matched those of Ivan Milat.

"If you just look at Richard Milat himself and the manner he's conducted himself in this case, do you not think it's reasonably possible he was the killer and not Mr Milat?" Mr Martin asked the jury.

On the question of evidence such as rifle parts used in the murders and found at Ivan Milat's home, the defence claimed it was reasonable to assume they had been planted there. "Do you think that a person capable of this most brutal crime would give two hoots about planting gear on a brother?" he said.

Mr Martin recalled that Ivan Milat also had an alibi for Boxing Day 1991, when two German backpackers disappeared. "If you find all seven murders were committed by the same person, you must acquit Ivan Milat," Mr Martin said.

Ivan Milat has pleaded not guilty to the murder of seven backpackers, including Joanne Walters from Mid-Glamorgan, and Caroline Clarke from Northumberland. He has also denied kidnapping Paul Onions, another Briton.



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Pressure grows to hit back at US over Cuba curbs

By Martin Fletcher in Washington and Michael Binyon, Diplomatic Editor

THE Clinton Administration faced furious protests from Britain and other allies yesterday over its implementation of a new law punishing foreign companies deemed to be using confiscated American property in Cuba.

Sources in Washington also disclosed that John Major sent President Clinton a private letter this week complaining strongly about the Helms-Burton Act which the Government considers a violation of international law and trading agreements.

On Wednesday the State Department sent letters to Rupert Pennant-Rea, Sir Patrick Sheehy and other senior executives of Sherritt International, a Canadian mining company with extensive Cuban interests, saying they were to be banned from America.

The Foreign Office described the move as "a wrong-headed restriction on their freedom to travel and to do business". The Government said it would take up vigorously with the Administration the cases of Mr Pennant-Rea, former Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, and Sir Patrick, former chairman of British American Tobacco.

In a speech to the American Chamber of Commerce in London yesterday, Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, strongly condemned the Administration's "senseless" decision to exclude the two men.

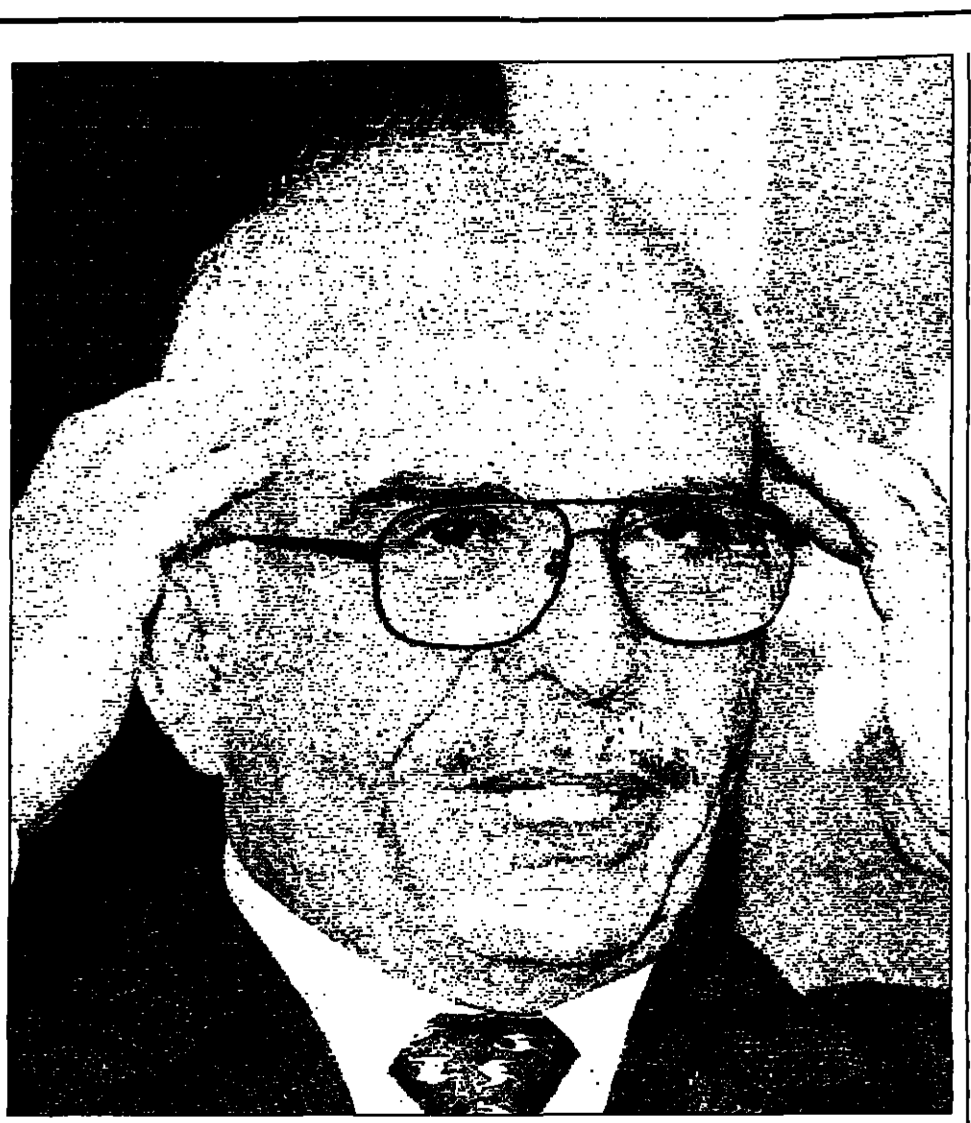
He said that the Government was under "considerable pressure" to introduce counter-measures against American companies, and this was likely to grow as a result of Wednesday's events.

Mr Lang also demanded that Mr Clinton waive another provision of the law, known as *Title III*, that would allow American citizens whose properties were expropriated during the 1959 Cuban revolution to sue foreign companies deemed to be exploiting those properties.

Mr Clinton must decide by Monday whether to exercise that right. A high-level inter-departmental meeting was being held at the White House last night to discuss the issue.

The State Department was said to be anxious to avoid upsetting America's allies any further, but waiving the provision would expose Mr Clinton to the accusation of being soft on Cuba in an election year and could cost him the crucial state of Florida.

Canadian officials said Jean Chrétien, the Prime Minister, would be sending a strong letter of protest to Mr Clinton this week. The Canadian Government is also preparing retaliatory action and will be invoking the disputes mechanism of the North American Free Trade Agreement.



King Husain of Jordan at a news conference yesterday. He said he expected Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, to visit Amman next week

Christian convert to leave Kuwait

By Eve-Ann Prentice
Diplomatic Correspondent

ROBERT HUSSEIN, the Kuwaiti who fears for his life after converting from Islam to Christianity, plans to live in America after being promised a new passport by the emirate's authorities.

Mr Hussein's identity papers and passport were stolen from his house after an Islamic court ruled that he was an apostate.

Islamic lawyers said he should be killed. He was forcibly divorced from his wife, cannot see his two young children and his building business is in ruins.

After a deluge of protests from Christian groups in Britain and America, the Kuwaiti Government yesterday said that it guaranteed Mr Hussein's safety.

"As to what has been said about this Kuwaiti citizen being subjected to persecution and death threats due to his conversion from Islam to Christianity, this is baseless," government legal advisers told the *Kuwait Times*.

But Dr Simon Qadri, of Christian Solidarity International in London, said: "They have not provided police protection, as they promised, or discouraged the fundamentalists ... they cannot afford to anger the fundamentalists."

Mr Hussein, speaking from hiding yesterday, said: "I am moving from one place to another even as we speak. They cannot make statements saying I am safe when I know I am not. They promised to give me a new passport, then keep asking me to come back to their offices again and again. I have told them ... people will see me coming and going."

The Foreign Office is monitoring the case of Barnabus Benjamin, a British pilot who resigned from Kuwait Airlines in protest at the Islamic court ruling and who was held after putting up posters in Kuwait City about Mr Hussein.

Americans alerted to Saudi dangers

From Ian Brodie
in Washington

AMERICANS in Saudi Arabia have been warned to take extra security precautions in response to continuing threats of terrorist attacks on American bases and other places frequented by foreigners in the kingdom.

The US Embassy in Riyadh has received reports suggesting further attacks after last month's explosion at the barracks near Dhahran that killed 19 Americans. Individual Americans and US companies in Saudi Arabia have received threatening calls.

Americans in Riyadh reported feverish activity to impose a strict security crackdown. They said concrete blocks, watch towers and floodlights have been placed round several compounds where Americans live. Armoured vehicles driven by the Saudi National Guard are patrolling streets.

Residents said the measures are far more thorough than those imposed last November after a bomb killed five Americans and two Indians. Saudi police checkpoints have barred entry to all vehicles on Talateen Street, a main thoroughfare of boutiques in the capital.

An embassy statement addressed to 35,000 American civilians and 5,000 members of the armed forces advised them to keep a low profile, reduce their travel inside Saudi Arabia and report any suspicious activity or vehicles.

☐ London: Sheikh Muhammad bin Ibrahim bin Jubeir, head of a Saudi parliamentary delegation, said after a meeting with John Major that elections were contrary to the teachings of Islam.

He said that the newly appointed Majlis al-Shura, Saudi Arabia's Consultative Council, would not become an elected body or admit women to its ranks.

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Falkland fish penalty

London: Fishing rivalry in the South Atlantic has increased after a £350,000 fine was imposed on Monday on a Chilean vessel caught off the island of South Georgia (Michael Binyon writes).

It was the second time the *Antonio Lorenzo* had been caught fishing illegally in conservation zones, and the fifth time the Falklands Government had arrested and taken to harbour a ship caught off the islands. The Falklands retained a British QC to prosecute the owners of the ship, who posted a bond of £70,000 after the vessel was arrested in March.

Other ships fishing illegally have normally been fined around £85,000 for a first offence, but one ship flying a Belize flag was fined a record £8 million. Enforcing conservation, especially of breeding stocks in the rich waters, has been a main commitment of the Falklands Government, and a key component of the recent fishing agreement with Argentina.

The Falklands Government has also announced that it has closed bidding for offshore oil exploration licences. Fourteen companies, comprising six groups from ten countries, submitted offers.

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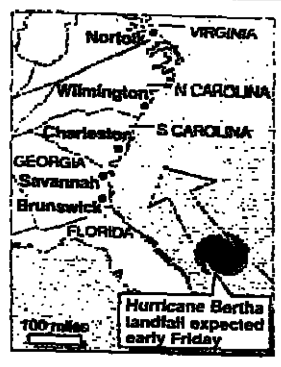


US Navy sets sail to ride out worst of Bertha

FROM QUENTIN LETTS
IN NEW YORK

AMERICAN warships hurriedly left the major naval base of Norfolk, Virginia, to escape Hurricane Bertha yesterday.

US Navy officers ordered their vessels to take to sea where they would be safer than in port. "Best place is at sea," said Commander Paul Weishaupt. The manoeuvre will save ships being thrown against the dock wall.

Bertha had earlier changed course, no longer posing a threat to Florida. Instead, the storm appears to be heading for the coast of North Carolina, which expects to be hit today. Hundreds of thousands of residents were advised to leave houses and move inland, away from the high seas that are expected to flood low-lying areas. The arrival of the hurricane was predicted to coincide with high tide.

Throughout the day, winds increased along the coast of the Carolinas and hurricane watches were posted up into Virginia. President Clinton, whose official aircraft was hit by bad turbulence in a summer storm, cancelled a flight south from Washington to Florida and ground crew at Nasa wheeled the space shuttle Atlantis into a hurricane-proof hangar. Southbound trains were cancelled, and petrol stations reported long queues as people filled cars to escape the looming tempest.

As the hurricane barrelled north from the Bahamas, scientists from the US National Hurricane Centre said that the storm was still blowing at 100mph. Some North Carolinans declined to move from their homes, but emergency workers made door-to-door searches and pleaded with citizens to "see sense and skedaddle".

Perot enters White House race for the second time

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

ROSS PEROT, the temperamental Texas billionaire, shook up America's presidential election yesterday by announcing that he will run again this year, provided his new Reform Party nominates him. That it will do so seems almost inevitable.

"We have to be responsive to the people who created this party, and they have a strong desire for me to participate," Mr Perot declared on CNN's *Larry King Live* show, the forum where he announced his 1992 candidacy.

"Certainly," he replied, when asked if he would accept his party's nomination. "I think it is pretty obvious now. I am dedicated to this country, I am dedicated to our children and grandchildren, and I will continue to make whatever sacrifices are necessary." He vowed to do "whatever it takes" to win.

Mr Perot spent $60 million (£38.5 million) to win 19 million votes in 1992, the best performance by an independent candidate since 1924, and greatly assisted President Clinton's victory by splitting the Republican vote.

Since then his popularity has waned, but he is still a magnet for the disaffected, attracting about 15 per cent in most polls, and could well have a critical impact on this year's race between Bill Clinton and Bob Dole, the leading Republican challenger.

Haley Barbour, the Republican chairman, has said that "a vote for Perot is a vote to re-elect Clinton", but recent polls suggest Mr Perot's remaining supporters are mainly younger, poorer, less educated Americans — natural Democrats. Several polls have shown Mr Perot would take votes equally from Mr Clinton and Mr Dole.

Mr Clinton professed indifference when told of Mr Perot's announcement while golfing in North Carolina. "That's interesting. Let me tell you about my golf game," he replied. Mr Dole displayed greater concern, telling a radio interviewer: "I would hope he wouldn't run. I would hope it would be a two-man race." Mr Perot, a small man with a giant ego, made his intentions clear just one day after Richard Lamm, a former Colorado Governor, announced that he was seeking the Reform Party's nomination.

Mr Perot called Mr Lamm a "fine man", but argued: "If anybody should do this, I should do it. I am in a unique position to do it. A lot of people who would want to do it and might even be better doing it aren't in a position to do it, wouldn't have the freedom to do it. I have that freedom."

That was an apparent reference to the difference in the two men's financial resources. Mr Perot could fund his campaign either from his vast personal fortune or with the $32 million in federal funds for which he is eligible on the basis of his 1992 performance. Mr Lamm has just $6,000 in his warchest, and the Federal Election Commission has yet to decide whether the $32 million could be transferred to a Reform Party nominee other than Mr Perot.

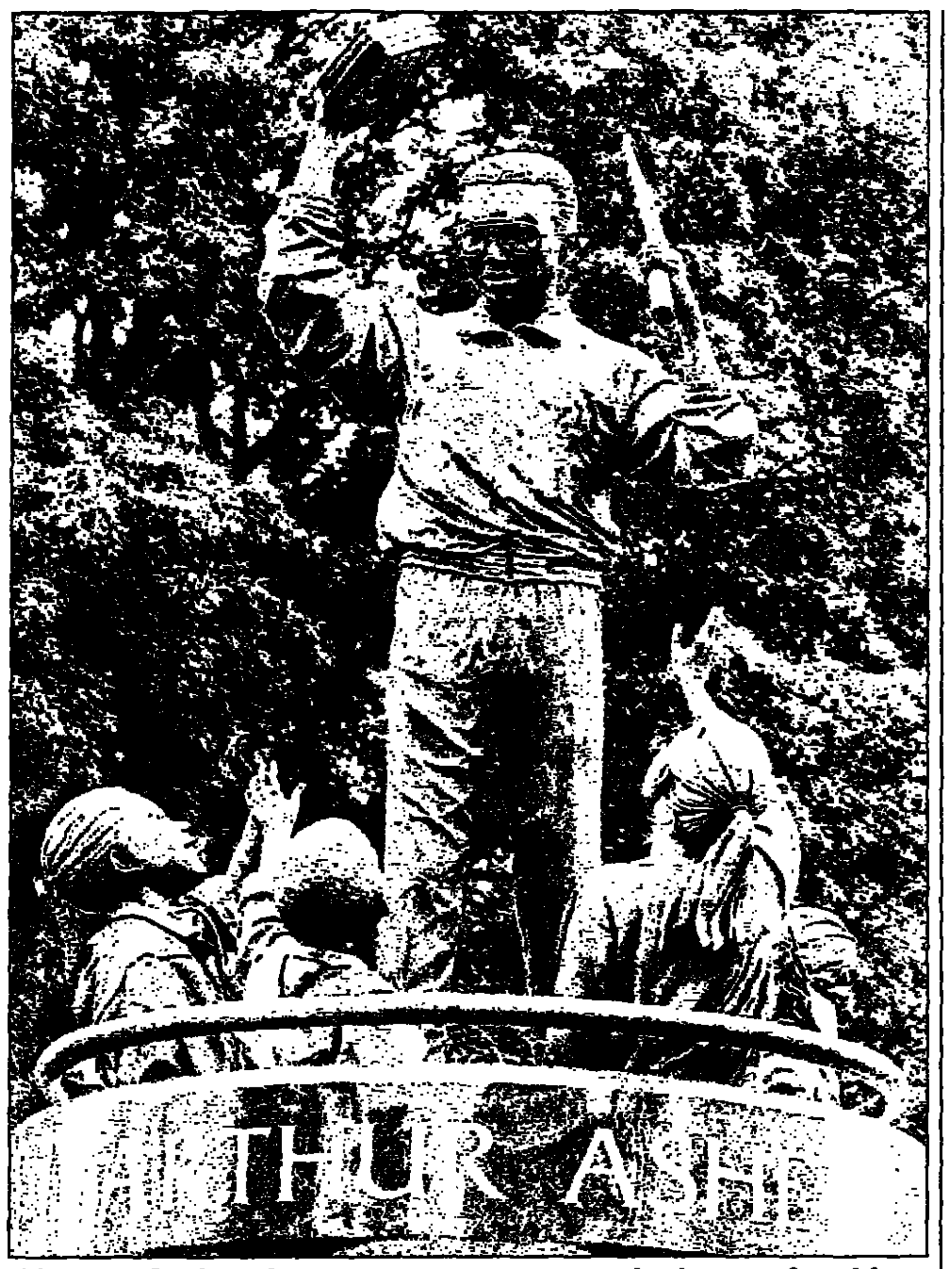
The Reform Party this week sent its 1.3 million members ballot papers listing only Mr Perot and Mr Lamm, though members can add other names. Anyone receiving more than 10 per cent support will be invited to address a nominating convention in Long Beach, California, on August 11. Members will then cast their final votes and the nominee will be announced when the convention reconvenes in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, a week later.

Mr Lamm will almost certainly receive the requisite 10 per cent, but appears to stand little chance of defeating Mr Perot. But he insisted Reform Party members were "bigger than Perot. Even if he runs I stand a chance".

☐ **Gun U-turn:** In a policy switch, Mr Dole has abandoned his pledge to lead the fight to overturn a ban imposed two years ago on semi-automatic assault weapons. "We've moved beyond the debate over banning assault weapons," he told police officers in Virginia.

Instead, he argued, the emphasis should be on instant computer background checks to reject all would-be gun buyers with criminal records.

Perot: could lay claim to £32 million federal funds



The statue of Arthur Ashe, which this week joined the ranks of Confederate heroes on Monument Avenue in Richmond, Virginia. A handful of white demonstrators protested during the dedication of the statue of Wimbledon's first black men's champion, but about 2,000 other people cheered (Ian Brodie writes). Richmond, once the capital of the Southern Confederacy, was where Ashe was barred as a youth from playing on segregated tennis courts. By giving Ashe such a place of honour, Monument Avenue has been transformed into an "avenue for all people", said Douglas Wilder, America's first black Governor. Southern prejudices and racial controversy have surrounded the siting of the statue since soon after Ashe died from Aids three years ago. He contracted the illness after a blood transfusion.

A champion's last stand

Olympic Britons win Southern hearts and minds

FROM TOM RHODES IN TALLAHASSEE

FOR the past few days Alana Kousaleos, a ten-year-old American, has been dreaming of her dinner this weekend with a British Olympic gymnast in her home city of Tallahassee, Florida.

The meeting will mark the culmination of her fascination and hero worship for Lee McDermott, 22, from Shropshire, who has been embraced by her family as part of an adoption programme instituted by the state capital over three summers preceding the Atlanta Games.

"He told my dad he will have dinner with me. I'm very excited and I don't care where he takes me," Alana said yesterday as she poured over every detail of the McDermott statistics. "I would love to become an Olympic gymnast."

Alana is one of hundreds of locals who have paid $25 (£16) to enter an "adoption service" that probably has brought the British athletes closer to their host community than at any time in Olympic history. The team is using Tallahassee as its base during the Games and will travel to the Olympic village in Atlanta, Georgia, four hours by bus to the north, for their events.

In the previous two years, there were private dinner parties, barbecues and photographic sessions. It has been a combination of corporate interest and private infatuation. The Honda dealership, for instance, has adopted entire teams, including the women pentathletes and the equestrians. Carl Duke, on the other hand, spent his dollars on the man he hopes is a winner, Linford Christie, the sprinting maestro.

"I've never met the man but I really hope I will this time," said Mr Duke, 65. "If he took me to dinner, well that would be absolutely outstanding. I can't tell you how much I admire this guy."

It may be harder this year, however. The British Olympic Association (BOA) has issued strenuous edicts that athletes must have privacy for final training with their coaches in the dazzling sporting complex provided by Florida State University.

The locals remain undaunted. Next week they will receive what many consider to be the ultimate accolade when the Princess Royal, president of the BOA and a former Olympian, will make a detour en route to Atlanta to visit Tallahassee for a unique act of commemoration.

In a tree-lined courtyard next to City Hall, the names of almost 1,000 British athletes, trainers and others who have visited the city over three years are inscribed on a series of paving bricks. The monument has become known locally as the Tallahassee equivalent of Hollywood's Walk of Fame.

The Princess will dedicate a podium at its centre and, in the minds of the people of Tallahassee at least, cement a relationship they hope will continue long into the millennium.

"It's a pretty big deal for us that the Princess has accepted our invitation, and I think this will serve as a focal point for the exceptional alliance between Britain and Tallahassee," said Christopher Campbell, chairman of the committee that has overseen the regular visits of the British team.

"We've kept space in the middle for all the medallists. There are 82 slots there — that's the number the BOA has promised us."

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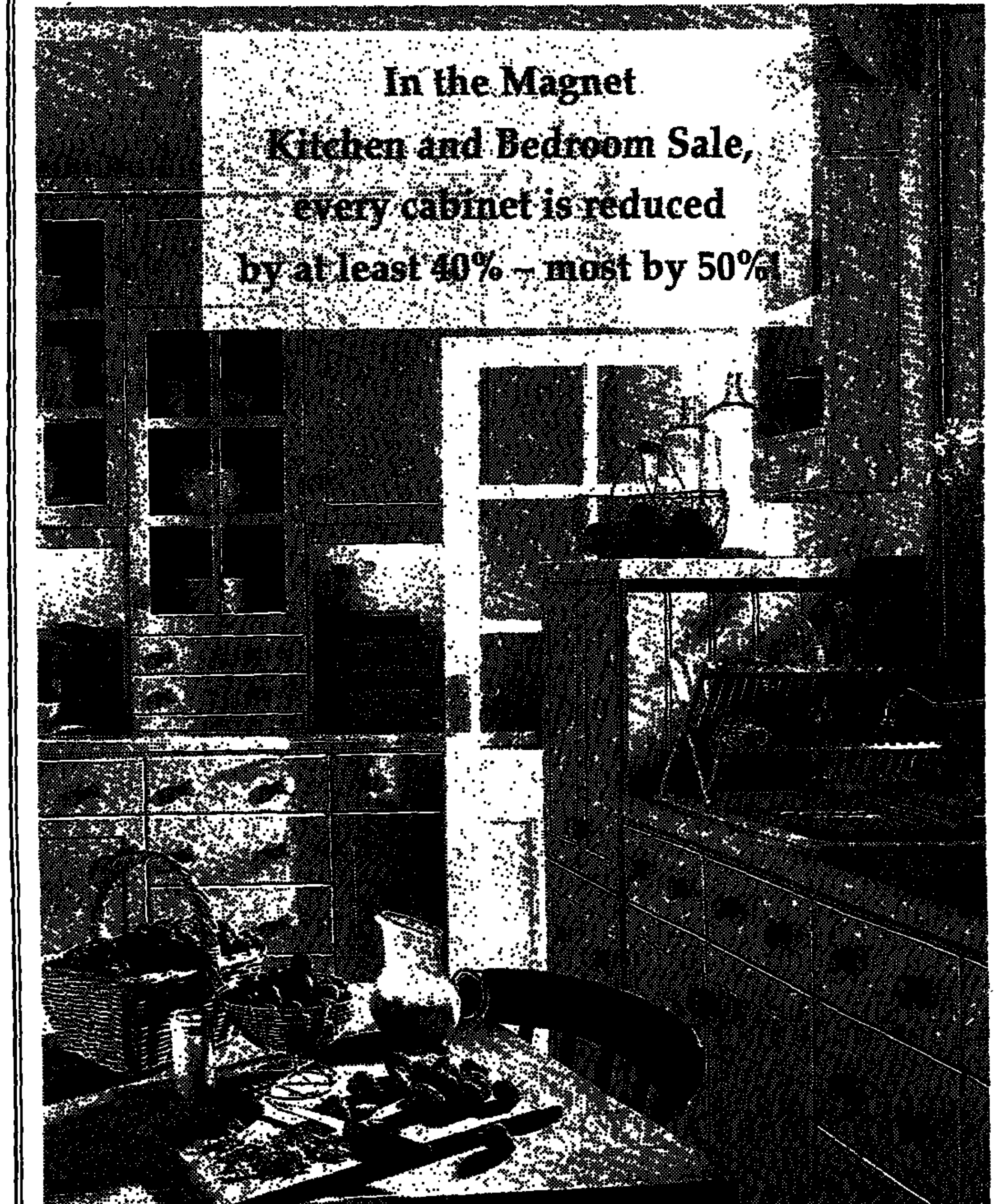

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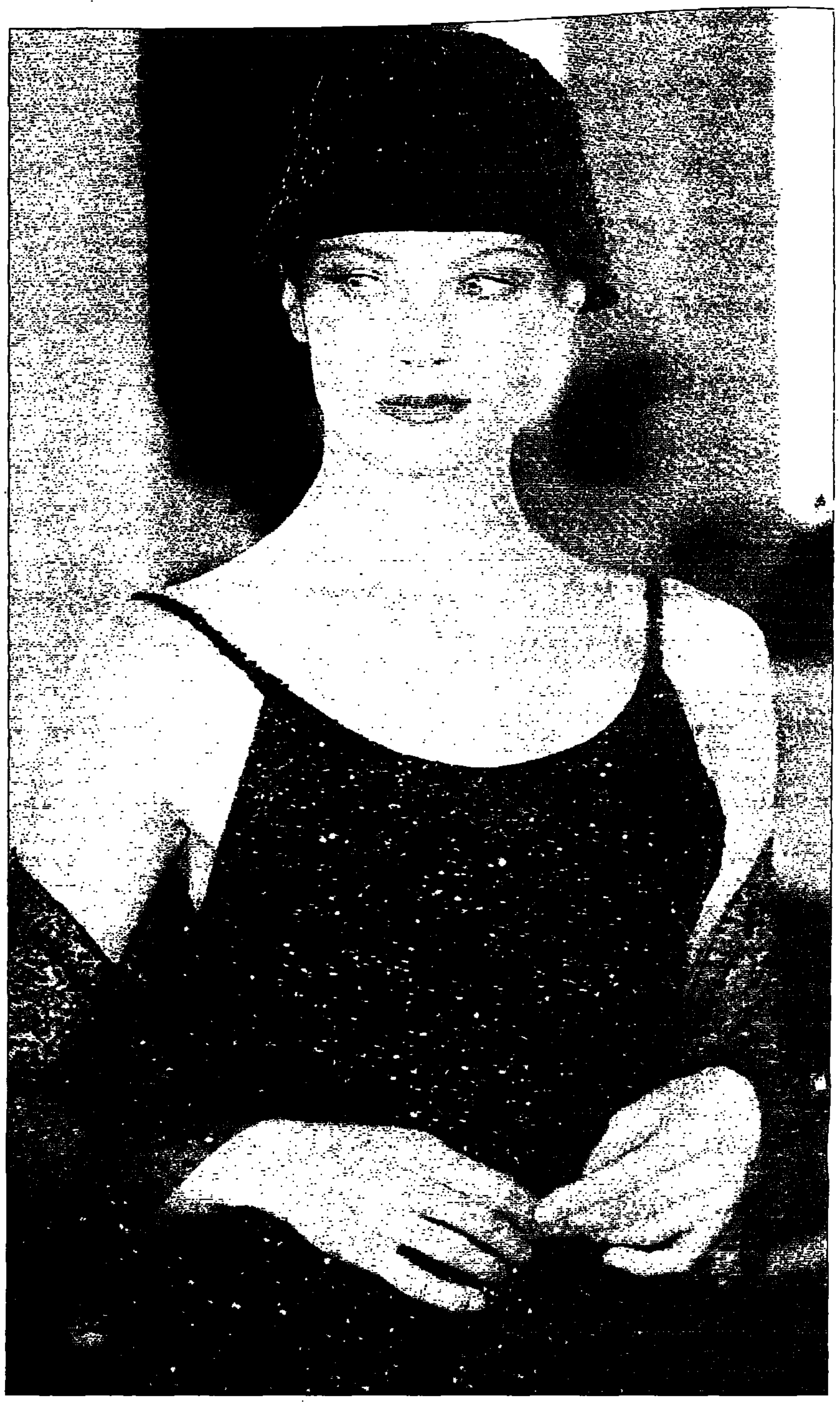
CHANEL: This season nothing could match the restraint of Karl Lagerfeld. Photography by CHRIS MOORE/ANDREW THOMAS

LACROIX: playing the wrong tunes

VERSACE: fake fur stoles and complicated styles

PARIS

The great fashion houses show that haute couture is all about showing off

WHEN the legendary fashion photographer Irving Penn was sent to Paris to cover the collections in the 1940s the showings were at night and the invitations specified black tie. "There was no mob of paparazzi, no loud music, just little gold chairs, champagne — very civilised," he remembers. "Then the girls came out, and they were so snotty to the audience. It was wonderful."

Penn would just love the British-born model Honor Fraser (pictured wearing Christian Lacroix), who was the toast of the autumn/winter 1996-97 haute couture presentations in Paris earlier this week. Fraser has developed her snottier-than-thou look into something of an art form: a raised eyebrow here, a glance down her fine nose there, and a withering stare which left the hardiest of fashion doyens asking: "Who does she think she is?"

Yet Fraser *was* wonderful. Her attitude just right — haute couture is all about showing off. The well-to-do customers get the chance to show off in their exclusive clothes designed by couturiers who are madly showing off their abundant skills (or more precisely the skills of the cutters, seamstresses, tailors, embroiderers and beaders).

These are "to-die-for" clothes, and it is the execution which really counts. No matter how simple they may appear, it's the one million hours it took to bead a dress, the billion feathers used to cover a jacket, or the zillion metres of tulle pleated into a skirt, that elicit gasps. These displays of technical wizardry certainly deserve applause but they occasionally threaten to take over the show.

Gianni Versace is a very clever designer, yet there were times during his show when the Spaghetti Junction seaming on his streamlined silhouettes didn't appear quite so smart. Instead, they just looked, well … complicated. Better were the colourful fake fur stoles which doubled as collars on coats worn with flippy skirts and sexy knee-length dresses. Black tights, punky hair and matching hardcore soundtrack gave the collection a dark edge.

What could be lighter than the wispy black polka-dot dress shown by designer Valentino — all fluttering ruffles? Waterfall necklines, piecrust frills and feathers (worn at the neck as scarves, twisted into the models' hair, and even peeping out from under rows of organza frills on a ballgown) added to the floaty feel. A little black chiffon dress embroidered with rhinestones worn under a striped velvet blazer, a brown crêpe gown teamed with a beaded jacket trimmed with sable, and a black lace and chiffon cocktail dress show the designer's skill for second-guessing his upmarket clients. At society gatherings Valentino is still the favoured couturier.

The models at the Nina Ricci show probably wondered why they were sharing the catwalk with a 12-piece lounge band and crooner. As the girls passed by he sang *Unforgettable*. Several of the gowns designed by Gèrard Pipart were just that, including an elegant black column dress with sparkling navy lace bodice and cockfeather stole. Sadly, too many were just unforgiveable.

At Scherrer it was the trappings of the old showgirl — long gloves and turbans — which set the scene. There were moments of glory such as feathered jackets and starburst beadwork but for the most part the collection felt like a tired revival. The glamour was old-fashioned.

Fashion journalist of the year

IAIN R. WEBB

At Ungaro, which has just been acquired by the Italian Ferragamo family business, change is in the air. The collection, shown at close-quarters in a hotel salon rather than on the giant catwalk at the Louvre, appeared less laboured than previous seasons — however, apart from a pair of fabulous Prince of Wales check trousers with a black lace hem and a chocolate lace dress, there were few show-stoppers.

Gianfranco Ferre bowed out at Christian Dior with a bang. For his last couture collection for the French house the designer indulged his fans with "every kind of excess". Among the vast ballgowns and seriously tailored suits were sari-style dresses and puffed taffeta coats.

THE showman in the pack, John Galliano, presented his second collection for the house of Givenchy. Theatrically bedecked models were dressed in revealing lace empire-line gowns and strictly tailored hourglass suits with dramatic shoulders and hobble hems. Galliano makes a magpie mix of fashion — suiting is cut into a dress, then belted with a lacquered obi. Grannie's needlepoint is stitched into sexy suits, while a fierce leopard coat covers the prettiest chiffon waterfall frilled dress, itself covered with hand-painted roses. Fashion with attitude.

Yves Saint Laurent's latest collection featured tried and tested Saint Laurent touches — a tuxedo suit, a little oriental influence, sizzling colourways, cock feathers, sleek suits, sack dresses, draped evening dresses, and grown-up ballgowns in baby pink — perfectly great YSL looks, yet it somehow seemed out of step with the modern beat of couture.

In his programme notes Christian Lacroix said: "Couture is *not* so much a big show, more a little light music." If this is true, then Lacroix, who came to fame with his couture designs for the house of Patou in the 1980s, is playing the wrong tune. The soundtrack to his show featured the tunes of Mike Flowers, a Post-Modern pastiche of easy-listening MOR music which only further emphasised the lack of spontaneity and surprise in the designer's heavy-handed designs. Disappointing.

Nothing could lift the spirits any higher than Karl Lagerfeld's collection for the house of Chanel. Lagerfeld is the undisputed king of in-your-face show-offmanship, yet this season he favoured restraint: sleek lines and understatement verging on the monastic.

Essential accessories include a top-to-toe bodysuit (worn under everything, including a full-length red chiffon evening dress), which looks like *footless tights*, and a natty beanie hat which comes in everything from purple stitched velvet to diaphanous black organza. Long coats, short jackets and straight-up-and-down dresses are key. Embroideries based on oriental lacquered screens in Coco Chanel's apartment, where the show was staged, were breathtaking.

The Chanel show was very civilised. There were little gold chairs and champagne. It was wonderful.

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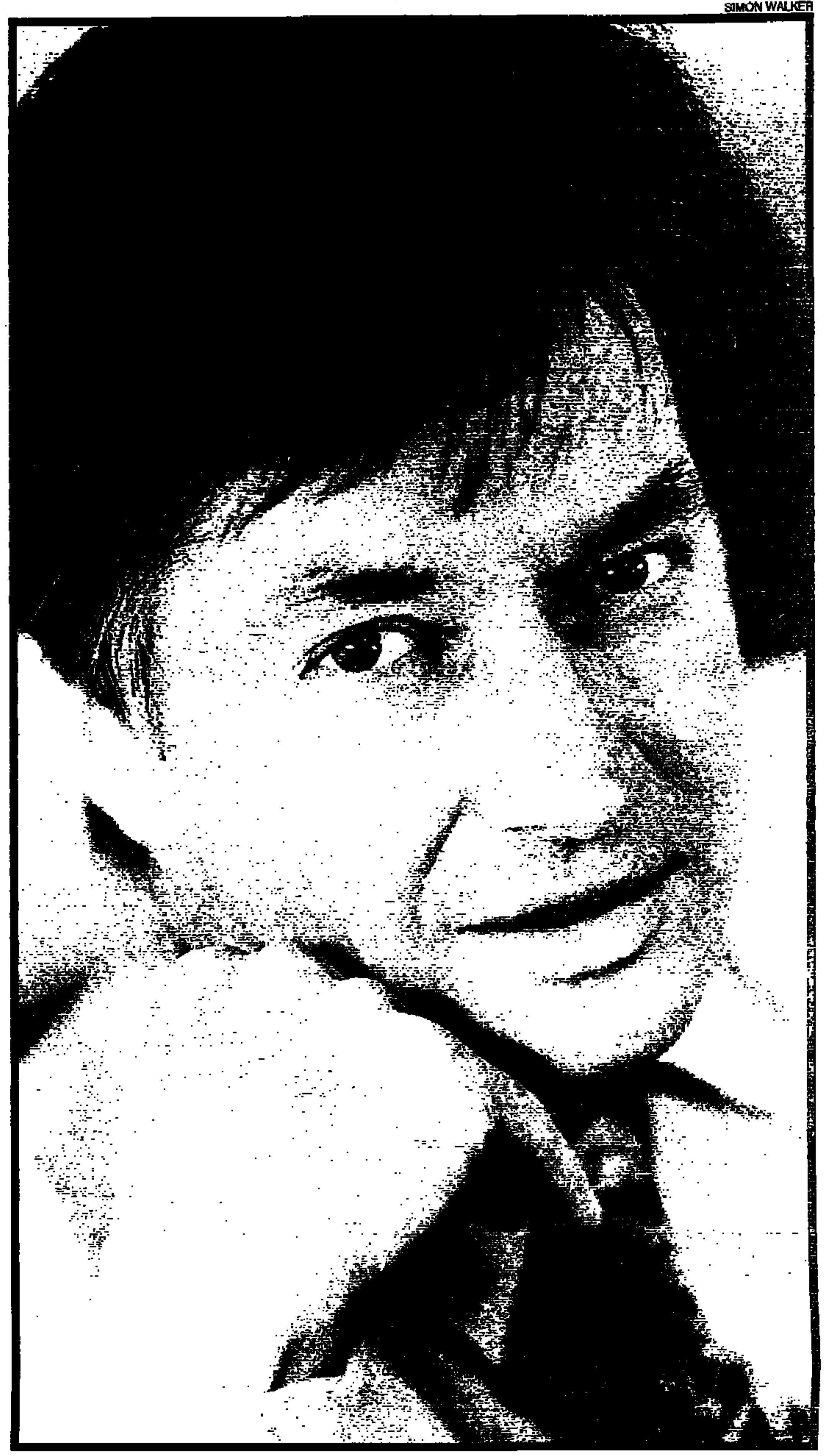
Bob Ayling, British Airways' chief executive, discovered that everyone he meets is a customer

My name is Bob Ayling. What a shock! Having heard him confronting Richard Branson on the *Today* programme I pictured a grey man-in-suit. Here instead is a tasty chap with floppy brown hair, in shirtsleeves and art nouveau tie. His easy manner distinguishes him at once from his combative predecessor Lord King of Wartnaby. As chief executive of British Airways since January 1, Ayling is paid £750,000 a year — making even the next Prime Minister's salary look pretty silly — and is thrust into the eye of several storms.

He launches into a diatribe about Speedbird House, BA's fortress-like Heathrow headquarters, "the world's most horrible building" and why he wanted to blow the place up: "Offices should be open-plan," he said. "To have people locked away in closed rooms off corridors is dangerous. People should be able to see what everyone else is doing."

In the new office, in what will be the largest park to be created in the South of England since Kew Gardens, employees will inhabit six houses linked by a glass-roofed "street" — to oblige them to meet and talk. "People work better if they are in contact with each other."

He finds his Berkeley Square office embarrassingly large. And look at this armchair in which he sits: it was about to be chucked away because its colour (blue) was wrong for the new colour scheme. "Haven't you heard of loose covers?" Ayling asked. He personally went to the sales and bought red material, saving hundreds of pounds. "There is so much money wasted in big organisations, on a daily basis," he says.

Ayling is plainly a man of distinctive style. He will be 50 on August 3, but has already celebrated it. Interestingly, he had a joint birthday party with Jack Straw, born on the same day in 1946. Guests danced until 2am in the gardens of the Middle Temple. Among their "eclectic" crowd of friends in common were John Birt and Howard Davies, Deputy Governor of the Bank of England. A gathering of baby-boomers, taking Britain into the millennium.

He lives in Stockwell, south London, with his wife Judith, a textile designer, and two of their children, Matt and Sally. The eldest, Joe, who has Down's syndrome, attends a college in Wales, where Ayling spends weekends walking the Brecon Beacons and buying books in Hay-on-Wye.

Like Baroness Thatcher he was the child of a hard-working grocer. Ayling Sr owned five shops in south London called Wade's Stores. But he could not compete with the newfangled Tescos in the early 1960s, and went bust. He paid all his debts, and the family retreated to a rented windmill in Sussex. Bob had to leave his private school, King's College School in Wimbledon, at 15 (today he'd qualify for an assisted place) and abandon hopes of reading law at Oxbridge. Instead he became articled to a West End solicitor and was an equity partner at 22, driven by a chippy ambition: "All my contemporaries were at medical school or university, and for a long time I felt hard-done-by."

In 1973 he moved to the Department of Trade, as legal adviser to John Nott, whom he briefed for the Civil Aviation Bill of 1979, and later to Norman Tebbit, former BOAC first officer, whom he found thoroughly admirable. As an expert on international transport law he was headhunted by British Airways in 1985: became company secretary in 1987, director of human resources in 1988, director of marketing and operations in 1991, group managing director 1993.

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So he was inevitably tarred with the dirty-tricks campaign against Virgin. In fact, he took over as marketing and operations director after most of the offensive incidents. "There were things that should not have happened, and they will not happen again. The real lesson to be learnt is how important to any organisation is its reputation — how fragile it is."

Ah yes. I decide to air my old grievance. In 1989, the six members of our family arrived at Gatwick in good time for a scheduled BA flight, only to find we had been bumped off, for no better reason than routine "overbooking". Challenged about this later, Lord King's considered response was: "Tough."

Bob Ayling was suitably crestfallen. "One aspect of this job is that everyone is a customer," he said. "David Sainsbury must feel the same. I once told him I could not find organic mince in Sainsbury's — and the organic mince supply improved immediately.

"And now you tell me this story and I feel terrible. I feel a shaft of pain every time I hear something like this, which should never have happened. The fact that we carry 32 million people a year — this job is full of statistics — is of no interest to individuals: all people care about is what happens to them personally. Anyway, I'm sorry."

Ayling's proposed link with American Airlines has yet to win government approval. With sweet reason he tells me that British Airways has no desire to become a megalith. But this is what it looks like: dominating the transatlantic skies with 70 per cent of the London-New York market. He calls it competitiveness. "British Airways needs an alliance like this. This is the way forward. It is not a monopoly: 70 airlines compete for Europe-US routes. We are exposing the market to more competition." Rubbish, says Branson: "It is a cartel like Coke and Pepsi getting together, or BBC and ITV." Rubbish, says Ayling in turn.

That afternoon he and Branson were to appear before Sir Paul Channon and the Commons Select Committee on Transport. The British public loves the Lakers and Bransons, who challenge the giants. It likes Branson's multi-frills airline. But where Branson was David to Lord King's Goliath, Peter Pan to his Captain Hook (or Wade's Stores to his Tesco) Branson v BA of BA is a more even contest of coevals.

I point out that the public would only be convinced of the altruism of the deal if service actually did improve and fares came down. "We plan our future investment on the assumption that fares will come down. Our world offers make us the price leader in the transatlantic market." (Virgin is £1 cheaper, but makes a £10 security charge.) Ayling seems to have been propelled into this deal by Lufthansa's alliance with United Airways. "We have an industry which is the world leader and want to keep it there. But the French and Germans want to take it away from us.

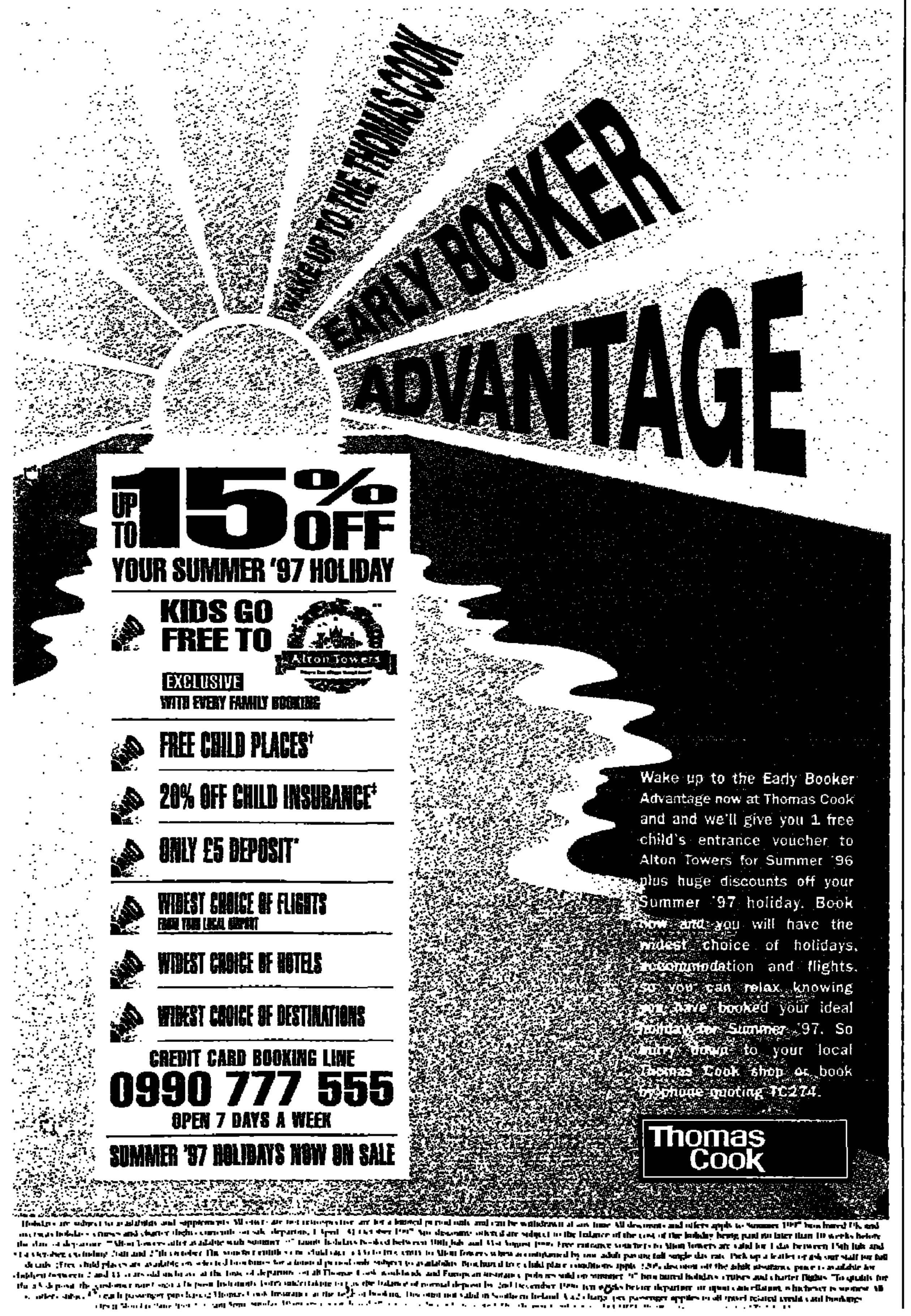
"Chancellor Kohl intervened with President Clinton, arguing for the Lufthansa-United arrangement. That's the kind of support we see in Germany. People in this country worry about our ability to get the best out of Europe. Here is an opportunity to do that."

Last night the BA pilots' strike — which might have scuppered his own summer holiday — was called off. Ayling had used the word "philosophical" to describe the differences between management and Balpa, the pilots' union. "Philosophical may seem an odd word to use — but we can't be seen to approve the position of the pilots merely because the pilots' union threatens to withdraw their services. That is a matter of principle."

Clearly there is a steely King streak inside nice-guy Ayling. And so after tough talks, both sides agreed the pay offer made before the strike ballot. "A strike would have been very serious," he said, "but I think it would have been even more serious if we were seen to respond to the threat of industrial action, as happened in the 1950s and 1960s. I am very pleased for our customers, that the uncertainty is over, and pleased for the company as we can now mend fences with our pilots."

Last month Ayling and Maurice Saatchi flew to Cannes to receive the Advertiser of the Year Award, for M and C Saatchi's British Airways campaign, the one with the rather disconcerting pictures of the old man wearing a baby's nappy in the cradle-like comfort of his Club Class seat.

The fact is, the only way to prove you are the world's favourite airline is to be the people's choice — if they have one. When Ayling declares that if the American deal goes ahead "the customer will be the winner", the only vindication will be if customers find this to be so. And as he says, we are all customers.



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Philip Howard

■ Translation needs both the old familiarity and the new accuracy

Lead us not into temptation — and so say all of us, miserable sinners. But what can this familiar phrase mean? In our age of soundbites, is it the most familiar sentence for English-speakers? "God save the Queen" and "We hold these truths to be self-evident" still make it into the Top Twenty Tags. But the Lord's Prayer, translated into English by William Tyndale and cribbed by the Authorised Version, still casts a global talismanic spell.

"Temptation" is an example of a phrase that is familiar poetry without precision. It does not mean what it purports to mean. Swinburne wrote poetry does not stand close translation; so did Sappho; so do all poets. (Pedantic Pope and mawkish McGonagall are not true poets.)

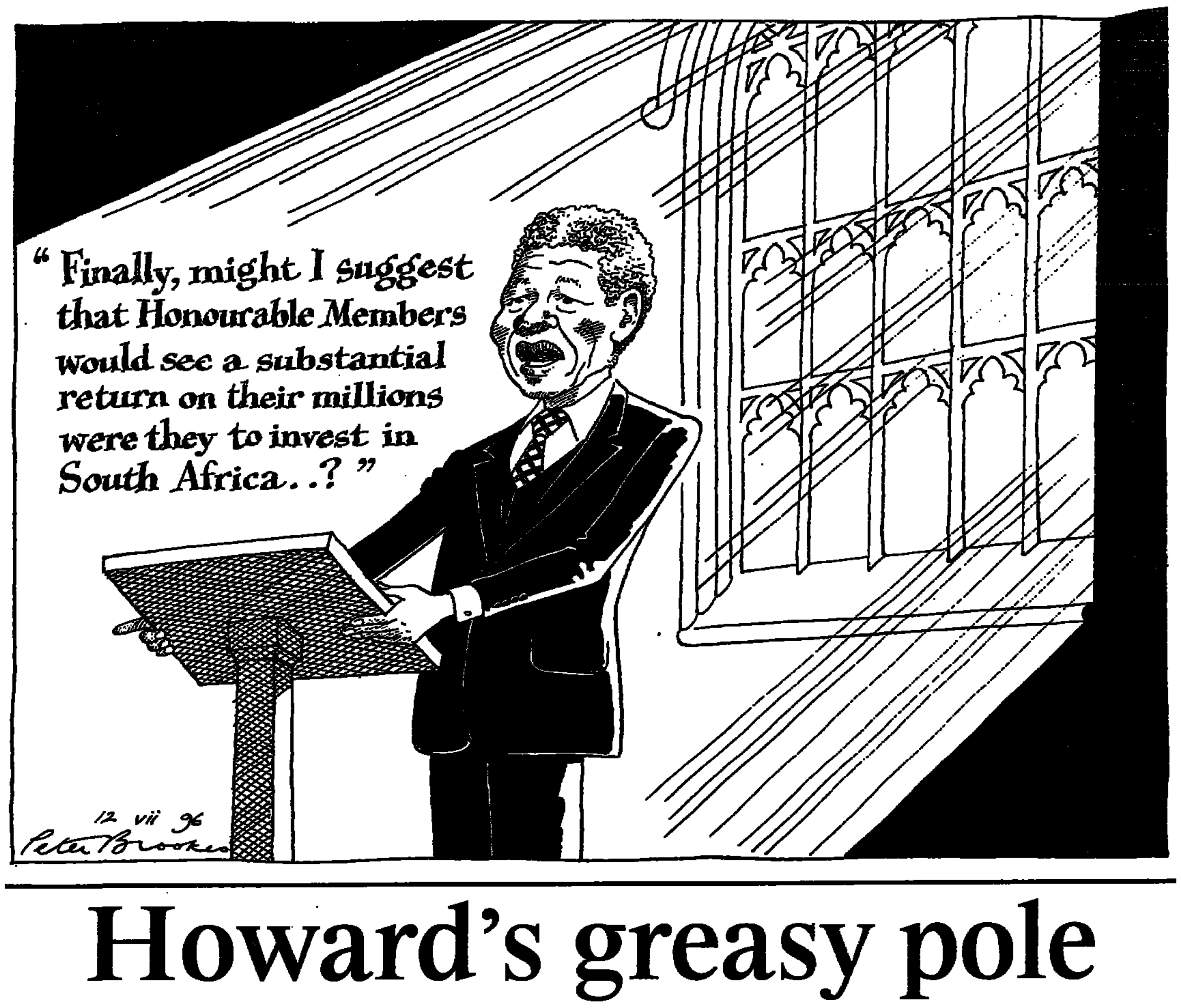
But Harry Greenway, Rentaquote MP for Ealing North; must be historically, intellectually and linguistically challenged (if he is worth the challenge) when he declares that "The Lord's Prayer has stood *for 2,000 years. The language is beautiful* and clear. The word temptation is specific and understandable to all." And so is Frank Field MP when he complains about the latest proposal to rewrite the Lord's Prayer into what it may actually mean.

Christ did not recite the Lord's Prayer, 2,000 years ago, in Shakespearo-Jacobean formal English. Nor even in the Vulgate Latin of St Jerome or the Koine, the popular Greek in which St Matthew wrote it down. The word "temptation" has changed its meaning in the past four centuries, acquiring layers of Evangelical and other God-bothering connotation, of a generally sexual sort. The dialect of Aramaic which Jesus spoke, the Hebrew, the Latin *temptatio* and the Greek *peirasmos* are neutral in flavour, suggesting "trying" or "proving" by ordeal. This primary sense of testing is what was done to Christ in the Wilderness. The children of Israel "tempted" God in *Exodus*. God "tempted" Abraham. The word translated as "temptation" was extended to apply to the Roman persecution of the Christians. "Save us from the time of trial", or (as in *The New English Bible*) "And do not bring us to the test" is closer to what the Latin, Greek, Hebrew and Aramaic mean.

But they are neither as familiar nor as beautiful as the spell, "And lead us not into temptation". For the Lord's Prayer is incantational poetry as well as familiar national rhetoric of orison. It has passed through the minds of 12 generations of English-speakers, so that it does not create a ripple today. Other of its spells, "hallowed be thy name" and "forgive us our trespasses", are meaningless or misleading to speakers of only modern English. The Scottish variant, "forgive us our debtors" gets away from the connotation of trespassing on the laird's land, but is equally anachronistic and misleading, as well as expressing a stereotypically un-Scottish sentiment of generosity over loans. The notion that the Lord might want to lead us into temptation is blasphemous as well as a mistranslation.

Language is used to convey emotion as well as precision. Traditional phrases such as the Lord's Prayer are part of our national poetic heritage. We know them in our sleep. There is a case for retaining such ancestral spells as "for now we see through a glass, darkly" for nostalgia and national team spirit. But scholars and ecclesiastics have a duty also continually to translate into our shifting language, to try to catch the rainbow of the original meaning.

Some poetry is untranslatable. When Joyce wrote, in *Finnegans Wake*: "Unda her brella mid piddle med puddle she ninnygoes nannygoes nancing by," the unda is the River Liffey at Dublin rippling down to the sea. Another translation is a young girl in the rain tripping along the wet road. The spell also suggests several other things, including nanny goats. We must continually translate. But, as with all poetry, we should never claim that any version is definitive. Especially not for bigotry, or political or show-off reasons. The Lord knows what we mean. We are the ones who lose the meaning in the mumbo-jumbo.



"Finally, might I suggest that Honourable Members would see a substantial return on their millions were they to invest in South Africa..?"
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Peter Brooke

Howard's greasy pole

The Home Secretary's policies may be mad or bad or both, but all that matters to him is his ambition

Bernard Levin

I must begin by saying that to want to be prime minister is not in itself a sign of incipient lunacy, though in fact almost all of those who yearn for the riband have some kind of mild or profound distortion of the brain, if any.

Well, would *you*? Think: a good few hours every day talking rubbish: another chunk of time pretending to admire colleagues whom you detest; curled lips from any decent passer-by, and a ludicrously small income. So I wouldn't do it, and you wouldn't do it, but Lilley would do it if he had the chance (he hasn't, thank goodness) and so would Portillo with his tongue hanging out, and so would Dorrell, and as for Mawhinney, I bet he even dreams about it, and poor old Heseltine started to try to do it when he was 3½ years old and hasn't succeeded yet. (Heseltine even recently tried to make a joke. I swear it — Heseltine truly did try to make a joke.)

No, I haven't forgotten one of these figures. How could I? When he is the man who makes his yearning for it so obvious that I could almost — almost! — admire him. For that man wants that job, and wants it so profoundly, so passionately, so almost derangedly, that he would do almost anything — short of breaking the law, of course. But I am sure that he dreams of the job, he yearns for the job, his hands shake when he discusses the job — nay, when he sings in his bath, I swear he sings about getting the job.

You do not need me and a row of ladies crouched over their globes and muttering "I see a dark/fair/bald stranger" to guess the name of the man who wants the prize more than any one of his colleagues does (and that is a very considerable statement). Step forward, Michael Howard, QC.

It was only a year or two ago that I took the full measure of this man. The Conservative Party was at its annual gathering, and Howard was at the rostrum giving his fullest and most powerful speech. But what I saw and heard so sickened me that I made a vow that I would collect everything I could get from what he says and does (only publicly of course — his private life is nothing to do with me); so far I have a budget of 33 full-size pages, and the end is not yet in sight.

But what was it that I saw and heard at the Tory conference that so traumatised me? It was Howard's speech on crime and such, with anything up to 1,500 Tories in the vast arena, and every sentence was more glutinous, more horrible, more odious, as he whipped up his docile listeners until they practically oozed pain for some poor devil. I remember his very pauses: they were perfectly placed — something to bring up the hate, before going on with his diatribe, and he knew that every one of his listeners was slavering for more, more, more. And he gave them more. (Which year was it when that ghastly boy piped up, in the discussion of crime, "Beat them, Mummy, beat them"?)

Now I didn't, dear readers, come here just to tell the world that I think Michael Howard is awful. What almost no one knows is that Howard, awful as he is, is also clever, and not just clever but very clever indeed when it comes to his advancement. I am certain that he yearns to become prime minister, but even if he doesn't, he still has his dreadful speeches — dreadful not because he is a bad orator, which he certainly is not, but because of their dreadful content. Remember, if he yearns to become prime minister, he doesn't just wait for the good fairy, he works at it. And he not only works at it, he works at it in the way he — and no one else — does. Let me explain.

Howard understood and used very early his superb feeling for what many millions of ordinary people feel, when it comes to the matter of crime. To this day, whenever any poll of our people asks whether capital punishment should be reintroduced, an overwhelming number say yes. Of course, Howard is not so naïve as to join that group, but when the Tory conference is in session, he leaves the worst ones to demand hanging. (I remember, years ago, R.A. Butler, leaving the rostrum and the hall, literally shaking with the yells of the hangers and floggers demanding blood.)

The trouble with an argument that has Howard in it is that in a very big slice of it, a very big slice indeed, he is manifestly right. Of course, he is right that there is crime in our country, some of it is terrible crime, crime bordering on incredible — take the 80-year-old lady who was thrown to the ground to have her face stamped on, not for money but for fun. And what about that immensely brave young woman who stood up and told a hushed gathering that she had been raped, and her rapist had not been caught?

But Howard does not deal with crime like most experts in these matters; he uses it like a flail, and clearly despises (or behaves as though he despises) those who do not agree, *knowing that most of the country does agree.* He has frequently been wrong, and had to apologise, and he has the very nasty habit of pushing the blame onto others when the blame is manifestly his. Yet he bounces back again and again, popping up with White Papers, new untested ideas, pushing himself forward, looking for more and more ideas to shove in our faces whether we like it or not.

And a tiny but very significant item showed the lengths that he can go to: it was when he demanded new and bigger prisons, knowing perfectly well that there is no money for such things. Indeed, he knows that the prison service is facing a 13 per cent budget *cut* over the next three years. When the next bloodstained prison riot breaks out, will he have the nerve to say "I told you so"?

I am sure that he doesn't actually enjoy putting people behind bars: he is not a sadist, after all. But he throws bundles of criminals into jail, heedless of the important differences between one crook and another, until that admirable man Judge Stephen Tumim was forced to say that Howard was "leading on the road to the concentration camp".

And then, even I double up with laughter when the judges, not one of them knowing his arse from his elbow, get shirtier and shirtier because it is they who should be adjudicating in this matter, not Howard. Of *course* the judges should be in charge, but every time they splutter and say so, they make bigger and bigger fools of themselves, while Howard, with practically the entire nation and most of the newspapers at his back, rubs his hands when he sees the glittering prize coming a step nearer.

And he never pauses for breath. His latest mad idea goes even further in the way of throwing criminals into prison and making sure that they will never "go straight" — that instead they will be greater criminals than they were when they went in. The former head of the Parole Review Committee, Lord Carlisle of Bucklow, says that Howard's policies are "utterly unrealistic". (Howard's idea is virtually to abolish parole, and remove any right to early release — these being the two best lifelines for an honest life after prison.)

He still hasn't finished. His next idea takes us back a century or two. When prisoners are coming to the end of their stretch, Howard wants their clothing to be blazoned with the words "community service" so that any passers-by or visitors will immediately realise that these are criminals. Perhaps Howard might go further: how about dangling the lesser criminals by their thumbs for hours on end? — very good practice for more crime the minute the criminals get out.

Then Howard insists that he, and he alone, should decide how long a "lifer" should serve. The members of the Home Affairs Committee demur; they say that the Home Secretary should lose his powers to decide the minimum time in jail for murderers, and to decide when they should be released. But the Home Office argued (I bet it did!) that public confidence in criminal justice would be threatened if the Home Secretary were seen to be powerless to ensure that appropriate sentences are served for murder. Oh, yes? Howard has not yet abolished the courts; we jeer at the judges (the bigger they come the louder I jeer), but these are the first and the last bulwarks between the courts and chaos.

As for Howard and his dreams — oh, let him play with his toy, even if the toy is the key to No 10.

George Orwell's Cold War

Helping the secret services was right, says **Derwent May**

Some old familiar hands were held up in horror yesterday, when it was revealed that George Orwell was recruited by the Foreign Office in 1949 to help with its anti-communist campaign. He was too ill to write anything for them himself — he was struggling with the proofs of his own ferocious anti-communist novel, *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, and he died the following year — but he suggested the names of some writers who might help them with anti-communist propaganda, and also gave them the names of some "crypto-communists" who should not be touched with a bargepole.

Michael Foot said in *The Guardian* that he found the revelation "amazing" — "I'm very surprised he was dealing with the secret services in any form."

But why the surprise? In the first place, Michael Shelden's biography revealed five years ago that Orwell kept a notebook with a list of more than 100 possible "cryptos" in it. It included such names as Kingsley Martin, Sean O'Casey, Michael Redgrave and J.B. Priestley. Orwell did not believe that all the names really belonged there — he would play games with his friend Richard Rees "estimating to what lengths of treachery our favourite *bêtes noires* would go" — but he was a committed enemy of the British apologists for Stalin. He wrote in *Tribune* that the Labour MP Konni Zilliacus "and others like him are in effect the publicity agents of the USSR in this country, and when Soviet and British interests appear to them to clash, they will support the Soviet interest".

Animal Farm and *Nineteen Eighty-Four* were not just abstract political satires. They were, primarily, assaults on Stalin's Russia. That is the fact that the Left has been trying to pull a veil over for 50 years, and is still half-heartedly trying to hide.

As late as 1949, because of the war and in part because of the influence of left-wing writers, the full, hideous character of Stalin's regime was still poorly understood in the West. But that year, the first big impact on Western consciousness was made by a now almost forgotten book, Victor Kravchenko's *I Chose Freedom*. But that vivid account of Stalin's gulags was, I think, eclipsed by Orwell's fictional *Nineteen Eighty-Four*.

Orwell knew; and Orwell was serious about the ugliness and the threat of Soviet communism. A bizarre printing error weakened the end of *Nineteen Eighty-Four* in most British editions. At the end of that novel, Winston Smith finally capitulates in body and spirit to "Big Brother". He doodles an equation in the dust on a café table: *2 + 2 =* . The fact that he does not finish it has suggested to some critics that Smith had not utterly succumbed to thought control. However, it is now established that Orwell wrote "2 + 2 = 5". He meant to indicate that Smith's independence of mind had been crushed totally by the state. He had no illusions about Stalin's methods.

Incidentally, Bernard Crick, Orwell's first biographer, has admitted that he had not noticed this misprint. Perhaps this was why he was able to suggest that the end of *Nineteen Eighty-Four* is just "sardonic, black humour".

Another relevant side of Orwell was his intense love of aspects of England. He believed that "the privateness of English life" would help the country to resist "the process of being numbered, labelled, conscripted, 'co-ordinated'", and that "the gentleness, the hypocrisy, the thoughtlessness, the reverence for law and the hatred of uniforms will remain, along with the suet puddings and the misty skies". Has he been so wrong about any of those details?

Even today the attempt to soften our impression of Stalin's regime goes on. In *The Times Literary Supplement* recently, Robert Conquest gave a devastating account of how some American "revisionist" historians are trying to nibble away at the numbers of Stalin's victims, or at any rate to suggest that the impact of his murders and cruelties on the rest of the Russian people was not of great significance.

Gore Vidal's recent memoirs, *Palimpsest*, also offer the reader some marvels. The book is extremely entertaining — but it puts practically the entire blame for the Cold War on America, and represents Vidal's friend and relation President Kennedy as doing everything possible to start a war with Russia, so that he would go down in history as a great military leader. If you believe that, you can believe Truman Capote, as Vidal himself might say.

Yesterday's murmurings about Orwell's behaviour remind one of the outcry in Britain when the magazine *Encounter* was shown to have been financed by the CIA. That was always an absurd storm. A magazine article says what it says, and anyone can examine its arguments and disagree with it — it cannot be a covert performance. And the anti-communist thrust of the magazine was wholly honourable.

George Orwell may have been, in some sense, a socialist until the end of his life. Indeed some commentators on the Right, such as Maurice Cowling, have gone to the other extreme and portrayed him — most unconvincingly — as "the nastiest kind of class warrior". But what is certain is that his anti-communism was rock-solid. His willingness to work for the Foreign Office in 1949 was completely understandable and wholly right.

New look

A SHARP-NAILED rivalry has sprung up between two of New York's most prominent Englishwomen over the sovereignty of Manhattan's great social event of the year.

Liz Tilberis, editor of *Harper's Bazaar* magazine, has clinched the chairmanship of the Costume Institute Ball, an evening of spectacle and fantastic social pole-vaulting held every December at the Metropolitan Museum. She has succeeded her fellow countrywoman and glossy magazine editor, Anna Wintour of *Vogue*.

Miss Wintour is said to be appalled by the news that the job has gone to a rival. Miss Tilberis is "pleased as punch", "cockahoop", "bristling with pleasure". A veteran social commentator, requesting anonymity, spoke yesterday of a "cat fight" between the two expats.

The Costume Institute Ball is the East Coast's answer to Ladies' Day at Ascot. Tickets cost $1,000 a head and Manhattan dames diet for weeks in advance. Last year's ball was one of the most bebaubled in its 35-year history and was considered Anna Wintour's great ascension into the social firmament.

Anna and Liz: who will be New York's favourite?

The jolting choice of Miss Tilberis — which says much for the high standing of the British in New York at present — was made by the 1996 ball's sponsor, Christian Dior. She is a very different creature from Miss "Nuclear" Wintour, who is a more sinuous, sassy production: pointy-nosed, cool, and wielding a scowl of fearful force. Miss Tilberis, who has borne a bout of bad health with good grace, is regarded as an informal soft-heart who is good with staff and has a good word for even the dullest partygoer.

● *Michael Winner has been spouting about Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's annual summer arts festival at his country home, Sydmonton: "When I went last year I won £3,000 betting on the croquet," he says. "This year I backed my Ferrari into another car and did £3,000 worth of damage."*

Berth control

AN URGENT inquiry has been launched into another collision — between the Royal Yacht *Britannia* and a ship once commanded by Prince Andrew. Last Wednesday in Portsmouth harbour, the minehunter *HMS Cottesmore* was trying to berth in foul weather, when she crunched ignominiously into the starboard bow of *Britannia*.

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The Royal Family have enjoyed their fair share of navigational mishaps, but this time no royalty was on board. The crew of both ships are said by the Navy to have escaped injury.

Hasty repair work ensured that *Britannia* was shipshape for the Queen Mother's jaunt up the Solent on Friday, and the Navy is playing down the accident. "A minor incident in which no one was hurt. *HMS Cottesmore* passed too close to the Royal Yacht in very adverse weather conditions. The yacht was repainted, sharpish."

● *Conversation at the post-production party of the new musical* Martin Guerre *in London this week concerned the startling codpieces worn by actors. "Enormous," spluttered one guest, "the high point of the evening." Even Iain Glen, the show's bearded star, admitted they had been controversial. "Originally they were even bigger, but none of us could walk properly so we had them altered."*

Tweed run

BRACING NEWS for all of those who thought that Gordonstoun School — for years a paradigm of brutalised Scots education — had softened up. The headmaster, Mark Pyper, is planning to run the original Marathon route, from Marathon to Athens, in a tweed suit and brogues. Kurt Hahn, the German founder of the school, hero to the Duke of Edinburgh and cold shower fetishist, would have approved.

Pyper was not fazed when a recent documentary about the coeducational school depicted pupils drinking, smoking and flirting: his mind is focused on Greece in October.

"Some of the pupils have asked me whether I sleep in my tweeds," said Pyper, whose wife, Jenny, will be covering the route in more conventional running kit. "I anticipate covering the distance at a brisk pace in about seven hours. My wife is aiming for four-and-a-half."

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Pied Pyper in his kit

NO REFUGE

The law should not require Britain to harbour terrorists

Britain is to propose to the United Nations a new legal "instrument" to limit the 1951 Convention on Refugees. The need to alter international practice on political asylum was made clear by Malcolm Rifkind in Jedda last week, in talks with the Saudi Government over the presence in Britain of the Saudi dissident, Muhammad al-Masari, who openly calls for the violent overthrow of the House of Saud. Mr Rifkind was doubtless relieved to be assured that the Masari case was "irrelevant" to Anglo-Saudi relations and would incur no Saudi retaliation. But that does not lessen the embarrassment of the shelter Dr Masari enjoys in Britain, or of London's current reputation as a haven for Islamist extremists.

To exclude future Masaris from protection under the 1951 Convention, John Major will seek UN endorsement for the proposition that no one who funds, incites or embraces terrorism merits refugee status. The convention, Britain maintains, was never intended to give safe haven to those plotting indiscriminate slaughter for political ends. When he put this plan to the G7 summit in Lyons, he found wide support. But the idea will be controversial in many other countries. What of those peoples fighting oppression, foreign occupation or state terrorism? And what constitutes terrorism? One man's terrorist is another's freedom fighter.

Antipating this, Britain is not proposing a legally binding addition to the convention, which would inevitably open up to debate the generally admirable text adopted by a smaller, more coherent UN General Assembly in 1951. Instead, Britain is hoping for quick ratification of a "declaration", a non-binding instrument distinct from the convention. Even this, however, could easily become mired in UN committees; it could take years to reach the required consensus.

More relevant to Britain's needs is the legislation now being proposed by Lord Lloyd's committee — particularly where this concerns the law on conspiracy. Amazingly, there is at present no law to prevent exiles living in Britain from plotting terrorism overseas. Britain's freedoms permit them to plan the violent overthrow of the governments — including often those friendly to the West — of their home countries. For the past year Whitehall officials have insisted that a myriad of international conventions, criminal laws and Home Office discretionary powers make it impossible for asylum-seekers to set up terrorist cells in this country. Now, finally, they admit that the law is deficient; only on conspiracy to commit murder can terrorist exiles be brought before British courts.

Inevitably, any proposed legislation resulting from the Lloyd recommendations will also be controversial. Britain has a long tradition of free speech, of sheltering dissidents and of equal treatment before the law, whether an individual is British or foreign. There will be questions about the right to call for the overthrow of dictatorial regimes, suspicion of new MI5 and police powers and of a British kowtow to rich Arab clients. This is irrelevant. Terrorism is a world scourge. It can no more be defined than a terrier can define a rat, but it is instinctively known and detested by all democracies. In the past, governments hesitated to punish those who seized aircraft to escape dictatorships, but eventually they realised that laws against hijacking allowed no exception. There can be no shelter for advocates of terrorism, either within Britain or overseas.

STRIKING OUT

The way to deal with striking monopolies is to attack monopoly

It may not exactly be a winter of discontent but for many, especially in London, it is likely to prove a summer of discomfort. The decision of the Rail, Maritime and Transport (RMT) union to join Aslef in strike action means more misery on the underground. The ongoing dispute within the Royal Mail seems likely to get more intense, bringing greater difficulties to household and commercial post. Those who have made holiday arrangements via British Airways have had nervous weeks wondering whether its pilots would take industrial action. The strike, which the Thatcherite reforms of the 1980s seemed to have disposed of as a weapon, has made an unwelcome return.

Aware of the fury that this has produced, ministers have signalled their consideration of further legislation, either in the remainder of this Parliament or as part of the Conservative election platform. This would outlaw such disruption in those industries — water, power, transport and health — which are deemed essential to the public and possess a quasi-monopoly status. The Government apparently believes that besides providing much-needed relief, such a law would be electorally advantageous.

The Prime Minister would be wise to think twice about such an approach. Although potentially popular, it comes loaded with problems. First, there is a simple issue of freedom. The strike should never be the first tool deployed during industrial disputes, and it must be tightly regulated. Ultimately, however, as a last resort it is legitimate in the overwhelming majority of cases.

Secondly, defining what is an "essential" service threatens to be a tortuous exercise. There is a difference between those functions that are indispensable and irreplaceable (the emergency services) and those which are important but only inconvenient when withdrawn (which both London Underground and the Post Office are). To lump the two categories together would be mistaken. Finally, there is a high probability that such a move would be rejected by either British judges or in the European courts. To pass a law against such a backdrop would smack of symbolism and posturing.

The real issue can be otherwise addressed. The way to deal with striking monopolies is to attack the monopoly, not the right to strike. More competition is the way to minimise public exposure to industrial blackmail. The contrast between the British Airways dispute and the other two is powerful. Any BA shutdown would do real commercial harm; consumers can switch to more reliable companies. Such a choice applies only to certain specialist services that the Post Office provides and hardly at all to London Transport.

If the Government is serious about the Post Office, then it requires a manifesto pledge to return to the privatisation agenda. If it truly wants to assist those who use the Tube, then it should commit itself to restructuring the whole organisation. After the experience acquired in breaking up rigid state bodies over the last 17 years, it should not be beyond the wit of Whitehall to lease out Underground lines to private companies on relatively short-term contracts with through-ticketing arrangements. Such proposals would have the immense virtue of not only limiting the chance of the cancellation of services to which consumers can find few alternatives; they would also enhance the prospect of higher quality of service.

LESSONS OF THE CHASSE

MPs should dig deeper into heritage fund management

The tangled story of trial and error which has determined the resting place of the Thomas à Becket chasse ends happily. Lord Thomson and his family have stood aside and allowed the National Heritage Memorial Fund and the Victoria and Albert Museum to match their bid and to keep the casket in Britain. The Thomsons have appreciated and wanted this extraordinary work for years. They could have been forgiven for thinking that Britain's art institutions had already wasted numerous opportunities to buy it. But, in an exceptionally gracious gesture, they yesterday invited the heritage funds to take their place.

Canadian selflessness has been matched by last-minute fund raising in Britain; a mess has been prevented from becoming a fiasco. But a good outcome does not answer all the questions posed by the early, botched attempts to retain the chasse at lower cost. The success this week of the National Gallery in obtaining Dürer's *St Jerome in the Wilderness* and the struggle to raise money for the Canova bust sought by the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford, discussed by James Fenton in *The Times* yesterday, are just two cases which have raised the wider impact of National Lottery money on the art market. An uncertain mixture of market forces and preservation rules now determine what can stay in this country, what may leave, what the public can or cannot see and where. More clarity is required.

The Times is delighted by the success of its campaign to identify the chasse as quintessential to English heritage. We thought long and hard, however, before deploying our case. The pitfalls were obvious. Judging the value of art works is notoriously uncertain. Discreet diplomacy will often be required to nudge buyers or sellers towards a deal. Donors do not always seek the limelight and purchase negotiations move rapidly back and forth between continents. Deadlines, public pressure and lottery windfalls risk price inflation. But, without public pressure it was clear that Britain's art institutions were not going to save the chasse for the nation.

In an uncertain market the holders of heritage funds cannot be asked to account for all their dealings as they happen. But they can and should be judged retrospectively. No mountains need be made of molehills: but the overall record of publicly-funded institutions requires proper accountability and scrutiny in the public interest. If the aim of bargaining between sellers, museums, public funds and auction houses is to preserve at least some of the nation's heritage, the nation's elected representatives should give careful scrutiny to what goes right or wrong.

Since its creation in 1992, the National Heritage Committee of the House of Commons has conducted a sharply focused inquiry on the establishment of the National Lottery. Its chairman, Gerald Kaufman, combines a fondness for art with a well-honed ability to prick pomposity, identify self-interest and cut through waffle. The most important result of this affair is that an inspirational work of art, symbol of one of English history's best-known events, should be preserved here in perpetuity. But the examination of a few distinguished witnesses might shed some useful light on the horse-trading that brought this result about.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Members' vote to raise their pay

From Mr David Alton, MP for Mossley Hill (Liberal Democrat)

Sir, Your headline today (later editions), "MPs who rejected pay restraint", was misleading. I, for one, voted against both the 3 per cent increase and the 26 per cent increase. To print one division list, without the other, gives a distorted picture.

Many colleagues believe, as I do, that any increase in salary should have been put into effect on day one of the next Parliament. This would have countered the criticism that MPs were simply "looking after themselves".

Furthermore, salary increases should only have been agreed in the context of more fundamental and radical changes to the size of our legislature. A reduction of the number of members, by up to 250, would streamline the Commons, remove many of the pressures on facilities at Westminster, and lead to savings which could then be used to address the issue of remuneration.

Post Nolan, salaries should also have been considered against the background of MPs' outside interests and the proper constraints which should be placed on these.

The Government's 3 per cent proposal addressed none of these structural questions and would have led to the same unseemly debate in another 12 months. Not everyone who voted against it — and the later 26 per cent proposal — was voting against restraint.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID ALTON,
House of Commons.
July 11.

From Mrs Margaret A. Ferris

Sir, I teach in Buckinghamshire and have noted with interest that MPs have voted to take a one-third cut in their car mileage allowance; they will receive up to 47p per mile.

Teachers in this county, attending in-service training, receive a mileage allowance of 13.1p.

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET A. FERRIS,
68 Oving Road, Whitchurch,
Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.
July 11.

From Dr Peter Harvey

Sir, Can we now anticipate a 26 per cent rise in the intellectual, academic, logical and moral attributes of MPs? Or have the devourers of peanuts merely become devourers of cashews?

Yours sincerely,
PETER HARVEY,
134 Harley Street, W1.
July 10.

From Mr Brian North Lee

Sir, Is the "feel-good" factor here? For possible evidence consult any MP.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN NORTH LEE,
32 Barrowgate Road, Chiswick, W4.
July 11.

Bare necessities

From Mr Graham Sweet

Sir, On behalf of my fellow Canadians I should be pleased if you could let us know where we might buy a *pint* of beer for 55p back home ("A global guide to bare necessities", July 2). A beer store would probably sell a 12oz bottle for 55p and in a bar it would cost about £1.50 or nearly £2.50 for a pint.

On a more sober note; I am not qualified to comment on costs in Europe but I know that if a weekly supermarket bill for a family of four is £75 in Canada, it would be cheaper in the US and certainly not £145. Or are you, if you will excuse the expression, comparing apples with oranges, ie an Ottawa supermarket with an exclusive New York food emporium?

Perhaps you had some exchange rate translation problems, as your correspondent must have had in the US when buying a £4 hamburger.

Yours truly,
G. P. SWEET,
Oak House,
6 Culver Road, Felpham,
Bognor Regis, West Sussex.
July 2.

From Mrs Cynthia Gillen

Sir, Do many of your readers regard a made-to-measure man's suit, boarding school fees, live-in nanny and a maid as "bare necessities"? I would have found the article much more informative if it had included dry-cleaning prices, hospital or doctor's fees and haircuts.

And what will I wear if my husband splurges on a made-to-measure suit? According to your article, only three pairs of knickers.

Yours sincerely,
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July 2.

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Tactical value of soldiers' sacrifice at Goose Green

From Lady Fieldhouse

Sir, I read with a degree of surprise and anger General Julian Thompson's remark about the attack against the Argentinians at Goose Green — "I should have said 'we're not going to do it' " (report, July 10).

The order was given by my late husband, Admiral Lord Fieldhouse, who was the overall Commander-in-Chief of the Falklands operation.

May I quote extracts from my husband's report, which appeared in the *London Gazette* of December 13, 1982, pertaining to the attack on Goose Green and Darwin.

> On 26/27 May, 3 Commando Brigade Royal Marines began to break out from the beachhead. The overall plan was to close up to the Port Stanley area as quickly as possible. There was, however, a significant Argentinian presence at Darwin and Goose Green. Although not on the direct route to Port Stanley, these troops posed a threat to the flank and to the beachhead. It was therefore decided that it was essential to neutralise the Argentinian presence there before the advance on Stanley could be fully developed . . .
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> By mid-afternoon [on May 28], Darwin had been captured . . . The battle for Goose Green lasted many hours, frequently at very close quarters . . . Throughout the course of the battle, 16 officers and men of the 2nd Battalion The Parachute Regiment were killed, and one Royal Marines officer was also killed when his Scout helicopter was shot down by enemy aircraft.
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> By last light the battalion, supported by two further RAF Harrier raids, had surrounded the remaining garrison in the Goose Green Settlement where 112 civilians were held . . .

I am sure it is very easy for people to go on "second guessing", with hindsight, what should have been done or not done. But I believe that this devalues the sacrifice that so many of our men made.

I am sure that General Thompson knows that every man in the Argentina campaign was counted by my husband, who was the last person *ever* to throw men into battle unnecessarily.

I must add that I resent any implied suggestion that he did just that at Goose Green, particularly when he is not here to speak for himself.

Yours faithfully,
M. E. FIELDHOUSE,
Pippins,
16 Ryde Place,
Lee on Solent, Hampshire.
July 10.

From Lieutenant-General Hew Pike

Sir, 2 Para's battle was characterised by extraordinary courage, high professional skill, a fierce determination to prevail — and by mistakes, which are the currency of war. The battalion's discipline, morale, training and confidence reflected those of its courageous Commanding Officer, H. Jones, whose leadership was inspirational before and during the capture of Darwin and Goose Green.

The battle had a powerful moral impact on the land campaign. Following setbacks at sea and around the bridgehead, the news of this tactical success against the odds instilled into all others in the landing force a confidence in ultimate victory.

I remember walking amongst the soldiers of 3 Para, which I then commanded, at Teal Inlet, after a gruelling advance over two days and nights, to tell them the news of hundreds of enemy soldiers defeated and surrendering. It was the moral turning point of the land campaign.

H. Jones, killed in action with 17 other soldiers of his battalion group, 11 of them officers and NCOs, had shown the way; their example made us unbeatable. No amount of historical hindsight or tactical analysis can ever change that.

Yours etc,
HEW PIKE,
Headquarters Land Command,
Erskine Barracks,
Wilton, Salisbury, Wiltshire.
July 10.

From Mr Timothy Jones

Sir, I knew Colonel H. Jones as well as any; not just as a brother but as a colleague, and I was well aware of both his strengths and his shortcomings. What fails entirely to come over in the programme (which I was shown a copy of last week) is anything about the man apart from a short temper.

It is not for me to comment on his plan of the battle nor really of his conduct as the CO, though one who lets his subordinates run the battle for him is surely abrogating responsibility, and that would have been entirely against his nature. But the relevance of the Goose Green action as a whole, to those of us polishing our backsides 8,000 miles away, was clearly crucial. It demonstrated once and for all that the British would win in terms of both moral ascendancy and fighting capability: this was due to the performance of every man who took part in the battle, collectively and singly.

The one-sidedness of the programme is highlighted in its final lines: it states that the performance of ordinary soldiers had to make up for the shortcomings of their superiors. Yet it condemns a superior who was prepared to give his life for what he believed in.

Yours faithfully,
TIMOTHY JONES,
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July 8.

No room at top for women lawyers

From the Chairwoman of the Association of Women Barristers

Sir, This association is deeply dissatisfied with the House of Commons Home Affairs Committee's report on judicial appointments procedures (Law, July 2). By endorsing the appointment of senior judges by invitation only, based on "secret soundings", the committee supports a system whose obscure workings are widely suspected of a tendency to result in the appointors appointing one another. Its recommendation that comments on candidates should be attributed may alleviate, but cannot dispel, this suspicion.

It is a matter of public disquiet that only seven out of the 96 High Court judges in England and Wales are women. The consequences of this lack of women in the senior judiciary reverberate through every level of society, reinforcing the de facto status of women as less authoritative than men, and the perception of their experience and contribution as less valuable.

No substantial improvement in this state of affairs is foreseeable: High Court judges are appointed mainly from Queen's Counsel, of whom there are currently 932; only 60 of these (6 per cent) are women. In 1985 there were 538 QCs of whom only 17 (3 per cent) were women: the proportion of QCs who are female has thus doubled in ten years, but from such a tiny base that it is scarcely significant. Assuming the same rate of progress, the ranks of QCs will still be 88 per cent male in ten years' time.

Since QCs come from the practising Bar, it is to the Bar that we look for hope, but we do not find it. The explanation lies in the profoundly family-unfriendly nature of the Bar. The arrival of children to a woman barrister can disrupt her practice so severely that she leaves the Bar altogether, never to return.

Of the 2,116 women barristers currently in private practice (22 per cent of the practising Bar), 1,193 (56 per cent) were called to the Bar less than 10 years ago. Unless urgent steps are taken to make work practices at the Bar more flexible and compatible with home and family life, I predict that a large proportion of those junior women will be forced to leave for family reasons long before they are eligible for silk.

It appears, therefore, that the senior judiciary will be the almost exclusive preserve of men for many years to come.

Yours faithfully,
JOSEPHINE HAYES,
Chairwoman,
The Association of Women Barristers,
3 New Square, Lincoln's Inn, WC2.
July 2.

From Mr Alan Bates

Sir, The Lord Chancellor is known to be strongly opposed to discrimination and has done much to modernise and reform the legal profession. There is, however, no place for so-called "positive" discrimination in judicial appointments as these are rightly based on merit alone.

The reason why most judges are white, male and from public schools is not discrimination in their selection but that the selection pool is almost entirely devoid of anyone else.

The Bar is a naturally conservative creature. Yet if it is to maintain public confidence, provide the best possible service to the public and be the source of a multi-ethnic judiciary in which women hold key positions and which reflects the diversity of modern Britain, it must make it easier for the best people to qualify.

Entrance examinations to the Inns of Court should be set up to lead to automatic course fees and maintenance grants for all intending barristers, and the number of places should be limited more strictly. A Bar at which an elite drawn from a narrow social group serve is effectively one which serves the public its beer watered down.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN BATES,
26 Woodfield Road,
Crawley, West Sussex.
July 1.

Question of degree

From Professor N. H. Keeble

Sir, In your leading article of July 1, "A question of degree", you say that the percentage increase in upper second and first class degrees between 1973 and 1993 provides "potentially alarming evidence of degree inflation". "Other things being equal", you argue, the proportion of high degrees should halve when student numbers have doubled.

But other things are *not* equal. In 1973 teaching formed a very minor part of a university academic's duties. There was little — if any — expectation that university staff should be trained teachers, and neither appointment nor promotion took any cognisance of teaching skills.

This situation has changed radically. Applicants for academic posts have now to demonstrate their lecturing abilities to appointing committees; new staff are now required to undertake training in teaching; senior colleagues conduct regular appraisals of staff in post; promotion applications have to include firm evidence of the capacity both to organise and to teach on undergraduate courses; and the higher education funding councils now engage and train assessors who regularly visit and report on the quality of educational provision in every university department.

The purpose of this great expenditure of time, effort and public money — quite unknown a generation ago — has been to raise the standard of teaching. It is, then, not in the least "difficult to imagine how performance could have risen quite as sharply as the Higher Education Quality Council study has detected", as you allege. On the contrary, there would be cause for serious concern had degree results not improved.

The inference properly drawn from the council's report is not that standards have slipped but that teaching now has a far more significant part to play in university culture. Improving results should occasion congratulation to staff and students, not alarm.

Yours sincerely,
N. H. KEEBLE,
Duncraggan House,
Airthrey Road, Stirling.

From Dr V. Paul Marston

Sir, Your leading article expresses concern at the "devaluation" of degree standards through rising proportions of firsts, whilst your Good University Guide (May 17, 1996) uses the proportion of firsts awarded as one of ten equal indications of a "good" university. Surely the latter must encourage just such devaluation?

Yours sincerely,
V. PAUL MARSTON,
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Preston, Lancashire.

World Service changes

From the Director General of the Save the Children Fund and others

Sir, There is considerable concern within overseas aid agencies over the proposed reorganisation of the BBC World Service (letters, June 19, 25) and the serious impact we fear it will have.

The changes proposed would effectively abolish the World Service as an entity and would subsume it into huge generic divisions. We fear that such divisions will be dominated by domestic British priorities and that in the process the World Service will lose two things which have made it so reputable and successful: its sensitivity to many different audiences and cultures, and the ability which goes with that — the ability to be there, wherever in the world, when stories are about to break.

Not only does this reorganisation threaten a situation whereby priorities (and budgets) will increasingly be set by the perceived interests of British listeners and viewers, but it also threatens something of fundamental importance to aid agencies' staff and the people with whom they work worldwide. This service — the distribution of accurate, objective information — is a crucial part of democracy and therefore the process of development which overseas aid agencies promote.

We therefore urge that this proposed reorganisation is strongly opposed, in the interests both of Britain and of people the world over.

Yours faithfully,
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Director General, Save the Children Fund.
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July 9.

Coping with stammers

From Mr Charles Lister

Sir, My heart goes out to all stammerers (letter, July 9), having been one myself and having one in my family now. As a child I was always gulping, blushing, swallowing, gasping, mumbling and trying to change www-words.

But I never stammered when I spoke to our neighbouring farmer. This had to be in very broad Lancashire. By eight or nine I was bilingual; fluent in Lancashire; stammering in English. By stealth I managed somehow over the years to transfer my Lancashire voice production into English, and by 13 or 14 I had lost the stammer.

Yours etc,
CHARLES LISTER,
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July 10.

Animal magic

From Mr John Wilson

Sir, Your report (July 8) on the "flying hypodermic syringe" mosquito to immunise us against malaria opens new vistas for preventative medicine. How about a genetically engineered dog whose bite protects against rabies?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN WILSON,
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July 8.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 11: The Chairman, the British Petroleum Company (Sir David Simon) called upon The President of the Republic of South Africa at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The President afterwards visited the Bank of England and, having been received by the Governor (Mr Eddie George), had talks with financial and business leaders.

The President of the Republic of South Africa, accompanied by Princess Zenani Mandela-Dlamini, later, at St James's Palace, received High Commissioners of the Commonwealth Countries and Ambassadors accredited to the Court of St James's.

The President, with Her Royal Highness, afterwards visited the Palace of Westminster and was received by the Lord Great Chamberlain (the Marquess of Cholmondeley) and the Prime Minister (the Rt Hon John Major MP).

Having been conducted into Westminster Hall by the Lord Chancellor (the Lord Mackay of Clashfern) and the Speaker (the Rt Hon Betty Boothroyd), The President of the Republic of South Africa addressed the Members of both Houses of Parliament.

Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Gentlemen at Arms and The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard were on Duty.

The President of the Republic of South Africa, with Princess Zenani Mandela-Dlamini, this afternoon attended the United Kingdom-South Africa Sports Initiative Reception at Lancaster House and was received by the Baroness Chalker of Wallasey (Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Minister for Overseas Development) and Sir Rodney Walker (Chairman, GB Sports Council).

The Rt Hon John Major MP (Prime Minister) was present and launched Phase II of the Initiative.

The President, accompanied by Her Royal Highness, afterwards attended the launch of a Commonwealth Private Investment Initiative at Marlborough House and was received by the Commonwealth Secretary-General (His Excellency Chief Emeka Anyaoku).

The Rt Hon Paddy Ashdown MP (Leader of the Liberal Democratic Party) later called upon The President of the Republic of South Africa at Buckingham Palace.

His Excellency Mr Ján Vilikovský and Mrs Vilikovská were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador from the Slovak Republic to the Court of St James's.

The Governor-General of Grenada and Lady Palmer were received by Her Majesty this morning.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were entertained by The President of the Republic of South Africa, with Princess Zenani Mandela-Dlamini, this afternoon at a Luncheon at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, London W1.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness later attended the Service of Thanksgiving and Rededication at Westminster Abbey to mark the Seventy Fifth Anniversary of the Founding of the Royal British Legion and were received by the Dean of Westminster (the Very Reverend Michael Mayne) and the President of the Royal British Legion (Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Dalton).

During the Service The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh laid a Wreath at the Grave of the Unknown Warrior.

The Queen and The President of the Republic of South Africa, Joint Patrons of the Nations Trust, with The Duke of Edinburgh and Princess Zenani Mandela-Dlamini, this evening attended the "Two Nations Celebrate" Concert at the Royal Albert Hall, London SW7.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, Action Research, this morning presented the Duncan Guthrie Memorial Award at Buckingham Palace.

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His Royal Highness this evening attended the Commonwealth Foundation Reception at Marlborough House, London SW1.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 11: The Princess Royal, President, this morning received a cheque from Stakis plc on behalf of The Princess Royal Trust for Carers at the Stakis Edinburgh Airport Hotel and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Edinburgh (Mr Eric Milligan, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, British Universities Sports Association, later attended the Annual Summer Conference and Presentation Luncheon at the University of Aberdeen, University Road, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Aberdeen (Mrs Margaret Farquhar, the Lord Provost).

CLARENCE HOUSE
July 11: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this afternoon at a performance of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court.

The Hon Mrs Rhodes, Major Raymond Seymour and Major Charles MacEwan were in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 11: The Prince of Wales this morning received Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon (Chief of the Air Staff).

His Royal Highness, President, Business in the Community, afterwards presented the Aim High Awards at Lancaster House, London SW1.

The Prince of Wales this afternoon attended a Luncheon given by The President of the Republic of South Africa at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, London W1.

His Royal Highness later received the Governor of Hong Kong (the Rt Hon Christopher Patten).

The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, presented the first Duchy of Cornwall Education Awards as part of the "In Pursuit of Excellence" Initiative at St James's Palace.

His Royal Highness, President, The Prince's Trust, this evening held the "Two Nations Celebrate" concert in support of the Nations Trust at the Royal Albert Hall, London SW7.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 11: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were entertained at a luncheon given by The President of the Republic of South Africa, at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, London W1.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester this evening attended the "Two Nations Celebrate" concert at the Royal Albert Hall, London SW7.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 11: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning left RAF Northolt for Amsterdam.

His Royal Highness this morning attended a lunch given by Her Majesty's Ambassador followed this afternoon by a British Invisibles Conference and an evening dinner, aboard Her Majesty's Yacht *Britannia*, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

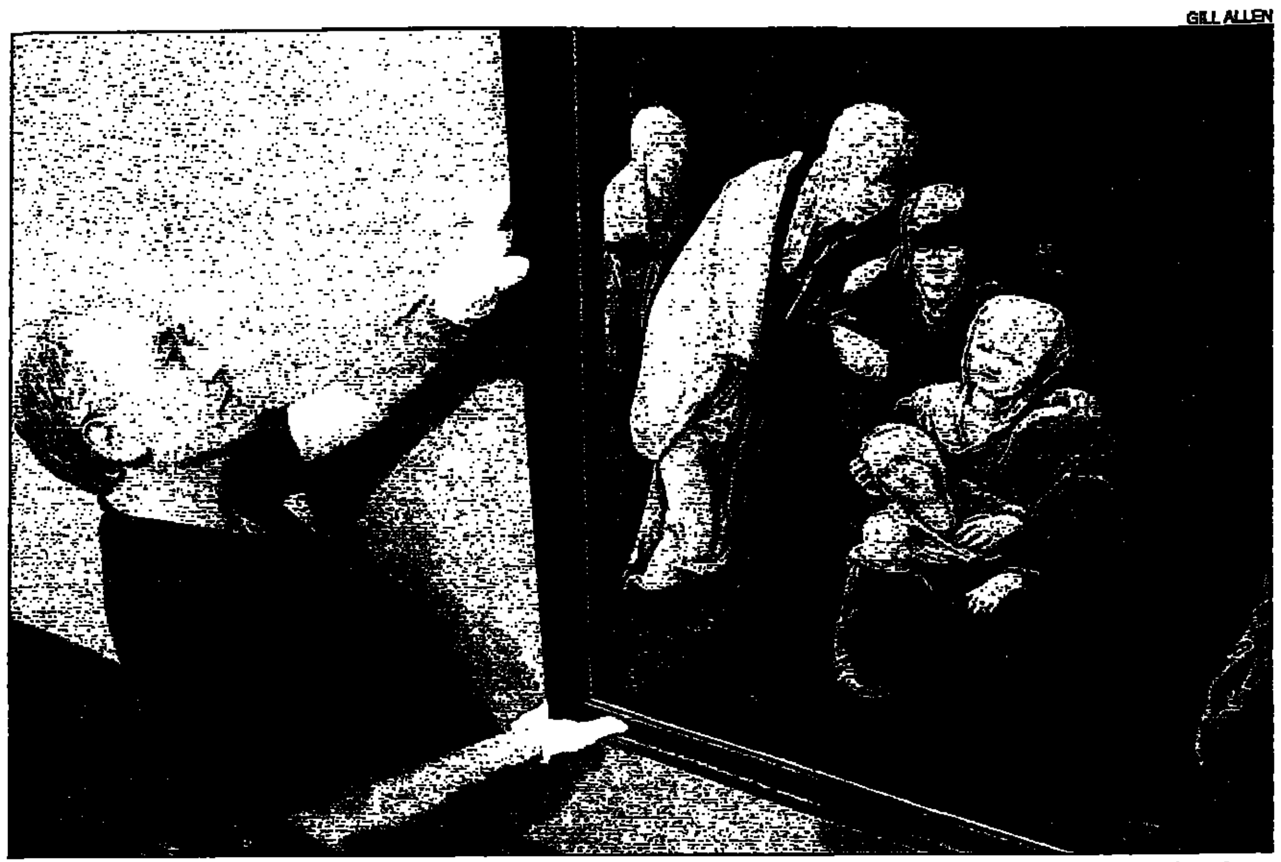
Mr Nicolas Adamson was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this afternoon attended a Luncheon given by the President of the Republic of South Africa, Mr Nelson Mandela, at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, London W1.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
July 11: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy were entertained this afternoon at a Luncheon given by the President of the Republic of South Africa at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, London W1.

Her Royal Highness, President of the Royal Humane Society, later presented the 1995 Stanhope Gold Medal to Mr Douglas Fader at St James's Palace, London SW1.

Princess Alexandra and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy this evening attended the "Two Nations Celebrate" concert at the Royal Albert Hall, London SW7.


GILL ALLEN

This painting, *Christ Taking Leave of His Mother*, by the 16th-century Austrian painter Wolfgang Huber, is going on show at the National Gallery. The work, which shows a group of women comforting the slumped figure of the Virgin Mary, is the first Huber painting to enter a public collection in Britain

Birthdays today

Mr A.G. Bamford, former Principal, Homerton College, Cambridge, 66; Mr John Bullock, former joint senior partner, Coopers & Lybrand, 63; Sir Alastair Burnet, broadcaster, 68; Mr Peter D. Carr, chairman, Occupational Pensions Board, 66; Lord Cuckney, 71; Dr Jean Curtis-Raleigh, psychiatrist, 63; Mr Gareth Edwards, former rugby player, 49; Dame Mary Glen Haig, honorary life president, British Sports Association for the Disabled, 78; Sir Arthur Hetherington, former chairman, British Gas Corporation, 85; the Rev Philip Holdsworth, former Master, St Benet's Hall, Oxford, 75; Mr T.G. Illtyd James, surgeon, 96; Mr M.G. Matthews, former director, Royal College of Music, 65; Lord Quirk, 76; Mr Robin Squire, MP, 52; Sir Harold Walker, MP, 69.

Dinners

Army Board
Mr James Arbuthnot, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, was the host at a dinner given by the Army Board last night at the Royal Hospital Chelsea in honour of General Dato' Seri Che Md Noor bin Mat Arshad, Chief of Army, Malaysia. Among those present were:
The High Commissioner of Malaysia and Datin Jamaiyah Kamarudin, Mrs Arbuthnot, Sir Colin and Lady Chandler, General Sir Charles and Lady Guthrie, Sir Moray and Lady Stewart, General Sir Michael and Lady Rose, General Sir Roger and Lady Wheeler, Lieutenant-General Sir Robert and Lady Hayman-Joyce, Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, Lieutenant-General and Mrs Sam Cowan, Major-General Mike Willcocks, Datin Seri Che Maznah bte Che Mahamod, Brigadier General Zaini bin Said and Puan Umi Salmah bte Budin, Colonel Kararuddin Mattan and Colonel Jonathan Seddon-Brown.

Sedbergh School
The Lord Chief Justice was a speaker at a dinner given by former pupils of Sedbergh School History Sixth Form (CLIO) last night at the House of Commons by courtesy of Sir Giles Shaw, MP, in honour of Mr and Mrs Andrew Morgan. During the evening Sir Robert Rhodes James made a presentation to the guests of honour.

Today's royal engagement

The Duke of Kent will take the salute at the Royal Tournament, Earls Court, at 1.45.

Lord Margadale

A Memorial Service for Lord Margadale, of Islay, will be held on Monday, July 15, 1996, at 3.00pm at Salisbury Cathedral. All welcome.

Royal Air Force

Half Yearly Promotions
The Ministry of Defence announces the following RAF promotions all effective from July 1, 1996:

Air Rank promotions
AIR COMMODORE TO AIR VICE-MARSHAL: R D Elder, M R Jackson; C R Spink; J H Thompson; P J O'Reilly.

GROUP CAPTAIN TO AIR COMMODORE: I S Corbitt; P A Crawford; M L Feenan; P V Harris; R V Morris; A E Neal; D J G Willby; J R D Arscott; R W Clark; M J Gilding; A J Burton; I W P McNeil.

General Duties Branch
WING COMMANDER TO GROUP CAPTAIN: A V Ades; T P Brewer; D A Haward; R H Lacey; C H Moran; S W Peach; A Sawyer.

SQUADRON LEADER TO WING COMMANDER: M J Bossy; W A D Carter; C J Coulls, S Cummings, J G Elliott, R I Elliott, M J Harwood; S J Hillier; R T Johnson; J A Jupp; A S Kirkpatrick; R A C Low; J P Moloney; P M O'Meeghan; S J Orwell; S Pearson; R N Randerson; P A Readfern; N J Watson; D L Whittingham, J G Williams.

FLIGHT LIEUTENANT TO SQUADRON LEADER: R H Adlam; J N Ager; B K Appleby; R F Atkins; A A Bennett; N J Benson; D A Bentley; S J Blake; W P Bohill; D K B Bowen; J R Broadbent; A J Byford; J V Carr; I D Chalmers; S Clayton; C J Donovan; G Doyle; M K Falvey; A P Gray; R Head; J K Hogg; B D Hunt; P A Jones; R P Jones; T W Josephy; D A C Legg; A H Little; C J Luck; R T Newton; R T Oddy; A C Offer; A J Owers; A K F Pease; D K Plumb; M Preston; C M Scott; D Shankland; G A Sinclair; S E Smith; A J Stacey; M F Stanway; M L Ternouth; T Thrale; P J Warren; A S Willis.

General Duties (Ground) Branch
SQUADRON LEADER TO WING COMMANDER: G M Chotia; M Greatorex; I M Sheeley; F J P Smith; P M Wood.

FLIGHT LIEUTENANT TO SQUADRON LEADER: D J Austen; J Coffey; R C Germaney; K L Martin; A McCallum; M R McLaren, P Millward, A R Park; B L Parsons; M A Thorner; A J Wells.

Engineer Branch
WING COMMANDER TO GROUP CAPTAIN: P D Rawson; A E Warnes; B M Wynn.

SQUADRON LEADER TO WING COMMANDER: G A Baber; G H Binfield; D E Eighteen; C H Green; C H Hickman; M E J Render; J E Stevens; S J Taylor; V E Thomas; A C Wilding; G K Wishart; C A Wynne.

FLIGHT LIEUTENANT TO SQUADRON LEADER: I D Ambrose; R M Apps; N G Bartlett; C R Bennett; A S E Brown; T D Devlin; R A Galkowski; S J Harris; M Y K Ho; P J Holden; I Looker; T S Mann; J Marshall; P W McAlpine; M S Moss; P Patel; T T Pooley; M Robinson; A C Simpson; A Storey; D M Tassell; K R Taylor; C M Thompson.

Supply Branch
WING COMMANDER TO GROUP CAPTAIN: A J Ovens.

SQUADRON LEADER TO WING COMMANDER: M Brierley; R C Harris; C P Hicks; G J Howard; R MacLennan; C R Markey; I M Martin; K L O'Dea; M N Primett; P J Rowney; K Thistlethwaite; J M Thomas; A J Towler; R M Veale; C B Waitt; R A Waldegrave; A P Warne.

FLIGHT LIEUTENANT TO SQUADRON LEADER: A M Ainsworth; T I Berry; J C Bessell; S M Bickers; D Cole; J R Dack; D J Evans; C H Goss; O E Hardcastle; P A Hudson; R M Macleod; A J M Maddox; A P Martin; M C McCann; J M Pearson; S A Rygalski; B Sargent; R D Smith; G D Thomas; D B Thomson; C W Watson; M F Woodward; S J F Wright-Cooper.

Administrative Branch
WING COMMANDER TO GROUP CAPTAIN: T M C Arnot; K L Sherit; S Wood.

SQUADRON LEADER TO WING COMMANDER: S P Battley; B J Beaumont; C B Campbell; D Charlton; D Ferrar; G A Jermy; M J Kemley; R Paterson; J R M Singleton; S L Singleton; M W Taylor; B J Walker; G A Williams.

FLIGHT LIEUTENANT TO SQUADRON LEADER: L E Arnold; P E Barlow; S J Bowen; C M Bray; D A Brinkworth; S J Butler; T J Chant; P K Clarke; C Dickinson; M W Evans; M A Fuller; S Fuller; T I Holden; A J Hunter; P A Kellachan; A E M Lawlor; D M Lock; D MacLean; R G Reynolds; O D Roberts; P D Robins; I A Townend; J T Webster; K W Willox; G Wilson.

Security Branch
SQUADRON LEADER TO WING COMMANDER: S Abbott; N A S Cato; G J Gardiner; A R Hildage; I P Jenkins; K N Strickland.

FLIGHT LIEUTENANT TO SQUDRON LEADER: S Atkins; G D T Edgcumbe; J W Erskine; T C Heyworth; D C Johnston; W N King; A McGregor; M Pound; R G G Woodward.

Dental Branch
WING COMMANDER TO GROUP CAPTAIN: D J Amy; D B Armstrong.

Medical Branch
GROUP CAPTAIN TO AIR COMMODORE: I A McCoubrey; W J Pike.

WING COMMANDER TO GROUP CAPTAIN: J M Jones.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Julius Caesar, Roman statesman, Rome, 100 BC; Josiah Wedgwood, potter, Burslem, Staffordshire, 1730; George Eastman, pioneer of photography, New York, 1854; F.E. Smith, 1st Earl of Birkenhead, Lord Chancellor 1919-22, Birkenhead, 1872; Amadeo Modigliani, painter, Leghorn, 1884; Kirsten Flagstad, soprano, Haman, Norway, 1895; Oscar Hammerstein II, songwriter, New York, 1895.

DEATHS: Jack Cade, rebel leader, Heathfield, Sussex, 1450; Desiderius Erasmus, scholar, Basle, 1536; Richard Cromwell, Lord Protector 1658-59, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, 1712; Charlotte Tona (Charlotte Elizabeth), writer, Ramsgate, 1846; Robert Stevenson, civil engineer, Edinburgh, 1850; Gertrude Bell, traveller, Baghdad, 1926.

King Henry VIII married Catherine Parr, his sixth, and last, wife, 1543.

Turkey ceded Cyprus to Britain, 1878.

The Panama Canal opened, 1920.

Appointments

Judge Jeremy Connor to be a member of the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Legal Education and Conduct. He replaces His Honour Judge Gower, QC, who retired on March 31.

Mr Jon P. Sheppard, formerly Australia's Ambassador to Jordan, has become director of the Commonwealth Secretariat's political affairs division. Mr Mohammad Abdul Malik, formerly Bangladesh's High Commissioner to Singapore, has become director and head of the secretariat's economic and legal advisory services division.

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr S.D. Cabrol
and Miss F.M. Tibby**
The engagement is announced between Stephen, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Cabrol, of Abbotts Farm, Dockenfield, Surrey, and Fiona, younger daughter of Commander and Mrs Maurice Tibby, of Cockfield, near Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

**Mr K.J. Clarke
and Miss C.E. Mills**
The engagement is announced between Kerry, elder son of the late Rev Canon J.C. Clarke and of Mrs Clarke, of Thornton Hough, The Wirral, and Charlotte, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs C.J. Mills, of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.

**Mr D.S. Collier
and Mrs R. Vane-Wright**
The engagement is announced between Mr Derrick S. Collier, of "Woodslea House", Brampford Speke, and Mrs Rosie Vane-Wright, of Broadpark, Brampford Speke, Exeter, Devon.

**Mr J.R.A.P. Cook
and Miss R.A. Ellis**
The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Cook, of London and Lymington, and Rosalind, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs P.A.R. Ellis, of Dublin.

**Dr S.E.F. Edmonds
and Dr O.M. McGinn**
The engagement is announced between Simon, youngest son of Dr and Mrs Oliver Edmonds, of Bowdon, Cheshire, and Orna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Noel McGinn, of Esher, Surrey.

**Mr P.W. Ford
and Miss C.L. Campbell**
The engagement is announced between Patrick, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.D.N. Ford, of Jarnac, France, and Caroline, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs M.S. Campbell, of Stoke Bishop, Bristol.

**Mr C.S.H. Smith
and Miss E.J. Cullis**
The engagement is announced between Kit, second son of Mr and Mrs Robin Smith, of Cambridge, and Eleanor, younger daughter of Professor and Mrs Charles Cullis, of Cuckfield, Sussex.

**Dr M.E.C. Jenkins
and Dr K.J. Adams**
The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mr and Mrs Eric Jenkins, of Dorking, Surrey, and Karen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Adams, of Leith Hill, near Dorking.

**Mr J.D. Pitts
and Miss F.E. Craig-McFeely**
The engagement is announced between Jeremy David, younger son of Mr and Mrs Jack Pitts, of Norton, Radnorshire, and Fiona Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Craig-McFeely, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

**Captain N.C. Wharmby, AAC,
and Miss S.E. Maton**
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Richard Wharmby, of Salisbury, Wiltshire, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Maton, of Bredons Norton, Gloucestershire.

**Mr R.J. Wierszycki
and Miss S.E. Malthouse**
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Jan Wierszycki, of Thame, Oxfordshire, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Malthouse, of East Horsley, Surrey.

**Mr B. Wightman
and Lady Rebecca Murray**
The engagement is announced between Ben, son of Mr and Mrs Bev Wightman, of Finstock, Oxfordshire, and Rebecca Moulin, daughter of Anne Countess of Dunmore and Johnnie, the late 9th Earl of Dunmore.

Marriage

**Mr A.R.H. Scadding
and Miss M.J. Reid**
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 6, at Longforgan Parish Church, of Andrew, only son of the late Mr and Mrs H. Scadding, of Bristol, to Melanie Jane, only daughter of Dr and Mrs A.H. Reid, of Longforgan. The Rev James Jack officiated.

The reception was held at the bride's house and the honeymoon will be spent in the Caribbean.

The Royal College of Psychiatrists

The Annual General Meeting of the Royal College of Psychiatrists was held at the Queen Elizabeth the II Conference Centre, London on Tuesday, July 9, 1996, under the Presidency of Dame Fiona Caldicott.

Honorary Fellowships were conferred upon the following on Wednesday, July 10, 1996:
The Duchess of Kent, Professor Per Bech, Professor Arthur Crisp, Lady Parkinson, Professor Sir Leslie Turnberg, Professor John Wing.

Dr Robert Kendell, CBE, succeeded Dame Fiona Caldicott as President on July 11, 1996.

The London Institute

At Westminster Central Hall, on Wednesday and Thursday this week, the London Institute conferred academic awards on 1,800 successful students from its constituent colleges — Camberwell College of Arts, Central Saint Martins College of Art and Design, Chelsea College of Art and Design, London College of Fashion, London College of Printing and Distributive Trades. The awards were conferred by Mr Julian E. Markham, Chairman of the Institute's Court of Governors.

Ironmongers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Ironmongers' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr R.H. Hunting; Senior Warden, Mr A.H. Boddy; Junior Warden, Mr H.S. Johnson.

Luncheons

HM Government
The Hon Phillip Oppenheim, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Company Affairs, was the host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at Lancaster House in honour of a parliamentary delegation from Japan.

DEBRA
Baroness Thatcher, LG, OM, FRS, was the guest speaker at the inaugural dinner in aid of DEBRA, the skin blister charity, held at The Dorchester on July 10 in the presence of 450 guests.

American Chamber of Commerce (UK)
Sir Brian Goswell, President of the American Chamber of Commerce (UK), was in the chair at a luncheon held yesterday at the London Hilton on Park Lane in honour of Mr Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade.

Reception

Commonwealth Foundation
Prince Edward was the guest of honour at a reception given by the Commonwealth Foundation last night at Marlborough House. Sir Richard Luce, chairman, Lady Luce and Dr Humayun Khan, director, were the hosts. The guests were entertained by a South African choir.

Meeting

TUCETU
The American Ambassador was the guest of honour at a meeting of the Trades Union Committee for European and Transatlantic Understanding held yesterday at the House of Commons by courtesy of Mr John Spellar, MP. Mr Alan Lee Williams, chairman, and Mr Peter Robinson, director, were the hosts.

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For the Mighty God had done great things for me. His name is holy, his mercy is from generation to generation toward those who fear him.
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BIRTHS

EDMONDS - On 26th June, to Diddi (née Malek) and Harry, a daughter, Niloufar Elizabeth, a sister for Harry.

FERGUSSON - On May 7th 1996, to Clemencia (née Faulder) and Robert, a son, Rory Nicholas, a brother for Hugo and George.

HATCHARD - On July 6th, at The Rosie, to Michael and Pia (née Gabriele), a son George William Salvatore.

SAWYER - On 7th July 1996, at The Lindo Wing, St Mary's Hospital, to Judith (née Guy- Davies) and Raymond, a son, Harry Hugo, a brother for Alexander.

TOUMANENKO - On July 8th at The Portland Hospital, to Yekaterinia E. Grevtseva and Roland A. Toumanenko a beautiful son, lovely boy, Dmitry R. Toumanenko.

DEATHS

CATH - Lorraine, formerly of Barton-on-the-Heath peacefully on July 3rd 1996 aged 81 years. Beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister. For details of the funeral arrangements please contact the family.

COTMAN - Mrs A.C.M. Cecilia (née Mayo), died peacefully in Sevenoaks, Saturday 6th July 1996 in her 86th year. Wife of the late Humphrey Cotman M.C., C.B.E., a good and much loved friend of many. Cremation at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium 18th July 1996 at 12 noon. Memorial Service to be held in Sevenoaks at a day and time to be announced. By request family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Gurkha Welfare Trust, c/o Doves Funerals, 112 St John's Hill, Sevenoaks, TN13 3PB.

DEATHS

DAVIES - Denise passed away peacefully on Wednesday 10th July 1996 aged 49 years. Devoted and much loved wife of Stephen, mother of Catherine and of her late son Richard. Funeral service at Holy Cross Church, Felsted on Tuesday 16th July at 12 noon. All welcome. Family flowers only but donations if desired made payable to 'Imperial Cancer Research' c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons Ltd., Haslers Lane, Gt. Dunmow, Essex CM6 1XS Tel: (01371) 874518.

EVANS - Kathleen Margaret (née Walford), dearly loved wife of Tom, peacefully in hospital on July 9th 1996 after a short illness. Sadly missed by all the family and friends. Cremation Service at Chilterns Crematorium Amersham, Bucks at 12 noon Monday 15th July followed by gathering at Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children.

GIORDANI - Ennis on July 9th 1996, peacefully after a short illness, beloved husband of Pamela, father of Mark, grandfather of Valentina. Funeral Holy Trinity Church Cookham, Wednesday July 17th at 11 am. No flowers. Donations in lieu to any favourite Charity. Enquiries to Sawyer Funeral Service, 32 West Street, Marlow, Bucks. Tel: (01628) 483531. Sincere and grateful thanks to all staff at The Thames Valley Nuffield Hospital, Wexham.

HADDEN - On June 28 at Seymour Hospital, Victoria, Australia. John Henry Paik. Beloved husband of Avril (dec.) and loved father of Melanie (Mrs Buchanan) and Veronica (dec.) loved and respected father-in-law of Robin and loving Poppy of Rosemary and Emma. Aged 78 years. Peacefully at rest.

DEATHS

HALL - Beryl Mabel Brickwood (late W.R.N.S.) passed peacefully away after a long and painful illness at the General Hospital on Wednesday 10th July 1996. Much loved wife of Kenneth George, mother of Yvonne, mother-in-law of Michael and grandmother of James (Dr) and Edward. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Beryl fought the good fight with great fortitude and is now at peace. All enquiries please to H. W. Maillard & Son Ltd Funeral Directors. Tel: 01534 37291.

HANROTT - Eric Gashry Granville, M.B.E., peacefully after a long illness, on 10th July 1996. Greatly loved husband, father, grandfather and brother. Requiem Mass at St Edwards The Confessor, Finchley Road, London NW11, 18th July, 11.45am. No flowers by request: donations if desired to National Schizophrenia Fellowship.

HARNETT - Very sudddenly but peacefully on July 9th Harry Victor adored husband of Patricia, much loved father of Geoffrey, Robert and Ian and grandpa to Louise, Anthony, Sandra, Michael, David, George and Elizabeth. Funeral to be held on Wednesday 17th July at Farnham Parish Church at 11.00am followed by private cremation. Flowers from family and close friends only please. Donations if desired to the Rotary Club of Farnham for their continued charity work c/o Thorne Leggett, Petersfield Road, Whitehill, Bordon, GU35 9AR. Tel 01420 488996

HAWKINS - On July 5th at home. Harriet May aged 89 years, beloved wife of the late Henry and loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at the Church of St. Peter and St Paul Lavenham, Suffolk on Tuesday 16th July at 12.30p.m. Family flowers only.

DEATHS

HEMINGWAY - In Woking Community Hospital, [illegible]

HIDES - Tragically on 7th July [illegible]

HOWORTH - Peacefully on July 10th, 1996 [illegible]

DEATHS

JENKINSON - On July 10th 1996, after a long and painful illness [illegible]

LEA - Nancy, on July 10th 1996 [illegible]

LOGAN - Jean Vivien: see under Miller Logan.

MILLER LOGAN - [illegible]

PRINCE - Phyllis, [illegible]

DEATHS

SILK - On July 9th 1996, at The Dower House [illegible]

WADSWORTH - Joan, [illegible]

WESTON - John, [illegible]

WHITTLE - Dorothy Mary [illegible]

MEMORIAL SERVICES

DAWES - A Memorial Service will be held for Professor Geoffrey Sharman Dawes in the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford, on Friday 19th July, 1996, at 2.30pm.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

WILKINSON - Sally Joan [illegible]

BIRTHDAYS

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OBITUARIES

CHRISTOPHER CASSON

Christopher Casson, actor, died in Dublin on July 9 aged 84. He was born on January 20, 1912.

CHRISTOPHER CASSON was the younger son of that long-lived and much celebrated theatrical couple Sir Lewis Casson and Dame Sybil Thorndike. He made his own debut as an actor in 1915, when he was still a toddler, in a production of *Julius Caesar* at the Old Vic. He recalled that he and his elder brother John got a round of applause for looking so sad at the sight of the dead poet Cinna. His last appearance was 80 years later as Sir William Lucas in a theatrical adaptation of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* at Dublin's Gate Theatre. As a concession to his age he was allowed to go home before the final curtain.

Born in Manchester, where his father was playing at the time, Casson was brought up in London. He went to school at King's College, Wimbledon, until, at the age of 12, he was sent away with his elder brother John to be trained as a seaman in *HMS Worcester*. From there he moved on to the Royal Naval College Dartmouth, and then into the Royal Navy. Inheriting his mother's pacifist convictions, he became profoundly distressed at the prospect of having to kill people. He was relieved when his parents agreed to buy him out and he returned to civilian life.

As a child he had often acted in plays in which his parents had lead parts. Now he decided to follow them in his professional career and trained for a time at the Central School of Dramatic Art run by Elsie Fogerty.

In 1930 he toured the United States with Ben Greet's Shakespearean Company. On his return he accompanied his parents on a tour that took him to Egypt, Palestine, Australia and New Zealand. But it was difficult to establish himself in his own right under the shadow of his forceful parents. He moved to Scotland where he played with the Perth Repertory. While there, he began to sing Scottish ballads and got himself a Celtic harp which remained his constant, lifelong companion.

As a committed pacifist, Casson felt uneasy as Britain drifted towards war. In 1938 he accepted an invitation to play at Dublin's Gate Theatre with that exotic self-styled Irishman Michael MacLiammoir under the direction of MacLiammoir's friend Hilton Edwards. Three years later he married Kay O'Connell, a Dublin girl who was a stage designer with the company. He converted to Roman Catholicism which he insisted did not differ much from the Anglo-Catholicism in which he had been reared. His parents were not best pleased that he remained in Dublin during the war. In vain his mother pleaded with him to return to Britain to fight the pacifist cause there.

There were few lead roles to be had with "The Boys" — as MacLiammoir and Edwards were known — in Dublin. Casson moved to a rival company run by the portly, temperamental Earl of Longford (the brother of the present Earl) and his wife Christine. He enjoyed playing the part of Uncle Vanya in Chekhov's *Cherry Orchard*. But Longford productions operated in a time capsule and Casson agreed with a colleague who said that they were "the playthings of a mad nobleman". About 1950 he decided to go freelance. He had a lead role in Louis Dalton's *This Other Eden* which had a record run at the Abbey Theatre in Dublin. But on the whole he was content with lesser parts. He was a diffident man with a fastidious distaste for self-promotion.

As an actor Casson retained some of the melodramatic quality of an earlier generation. He had a mellifluous voice with a richness he liked to attribute to his Celtic forebears. "In the theatre," he said, "one hopes to get to a certain elevated point above time, almost, and I'm always after that." It dovetailed with his lifelong interest in mysticism.

The advent of television in Ireland in the 1960s offered new opportunities — although it destroyed much of the character of the Dublin social life which Casson had enjoyed since he settled there. He played the part of a benign, well-loved, if somewhat naive, parson with spectacular success in a long-running series about rural life called *The Riordans*. Later he had parts in several BBC productions, notably *The Irish RM*, *Autumn Sunshine* and *Strangers and Brothers*. For many years he taught speech drama at All Hallows College, which trained Irish priests to serve in any part of the English-speaking world. "My son Christopher," said his bemused mother, "is somewhere in Ireland teaching monks how to speak English."

Casson was a delightful man, urbane and courteous in an old-world way. A certain lack of practicality added to his charm. Michael MacLiammoir once remarked that he and his wife Kay looked at things through the eyes of childhood and that their world was intoxicated with gaiety as a bee was intoxicated with honey.

But if Casson was full of fun he was also deeply reflective. He was a devout Catholic and attended Mass every day. He lived on Sandymount Strand where Stephen Dedalus in Joyce's *Ulysses* had "walked into eternity". In all weathers the elderly Casson was to be seen, often attired in a duffel coat, making his way across the vast expanse of sand when the tide was out, a solitary, contemplative figure who was a living link with so much that was great in the theatre in a bygone age.

Casson was predeceased by his wife. There were two daughters of the marriage, both of whom survive him. His elder daughter Glynis is one of Ireland's leading stage designers.

DONALD NEESHAM

Donald Neesham, former head of Scotland Yard's Flying Squad, died on June 12 aged 72. He was born on February 3, 1924.

A SKILFUL detective and a fair-minded man, Donald Neesham served for six years in one of the most pivotal posts in the Metropolitan Police. From 1973 to 1979 he was the head of Scotland Yard's Flying Squad — officially known as C8, but also referred to as "the Heavy Mob" or, in cockney rhyming slang, the Sweeney (Todd).

Neesham's appointment came at a crucial time. He was the successor to Commander Ken Drury, the "bent cop" who had severely damaged the reputation of the Yard during the late 1960s and early 1970s. Drury's police career had ended in scandal when he was sentenced to five years' imprisonment for accepting bribes. Neesham was chosen as his successor to help to restore the Yard's shattered reputation. Known by his colleagues as "the Guv'nor", he was a natural leader, managing to command not only the loyalty of his men but the respect of the criminals whom he pursued.

Donald Neesham was born in Bishop Auckland, the son of an engine driver. On leaving Queen Elizabeth Grammar School in Darlington, he began his working career as a clerk with an insurance company. But during the Second World War he enlisted in the Royal Air Force and was sent to South Africa to be trained.

On demobilisation in 1946 Neesham joined the Metropolitan Police. He showed particular ability as a detective and, as he gained in experience, won an impressive reputation for bringing murder investigations to a successful conclusion.

In 1963 he was one of the officers who took part in the inquiries which led to the apprehension of the criminals involved in the Great Train Robbery. He escorted some of the prisoners to Parkhurst on the Isle of Wight. He was a "decent bloke", one of them said. Criminals regarded him with a mixture of fear and respect.

In 1966 he was raised to the rank of detective chief inspector. Two years later he became detective superintendent and then, in 1969, detective chief superintendent.

It was in 1973 that he was made commander of the Flying Squad. It was a post in which he stood out as an imposing figure and under his leadership the squad enjoyed some success. He was awarded the Queen's Police Medal and the Silver Jubilee Medal in 1977.

However, in 1979, at the age of 55 and after 33 years of service with the Metropolitan Police, Neesham handed in his notice after the result of a disciplinary hearing concerning the conduct of three of his men. They were fined by a disciplinary board for taking a police car outside London without proper authority and failing to inform a chief constable that they had gone into his area and made arrests.

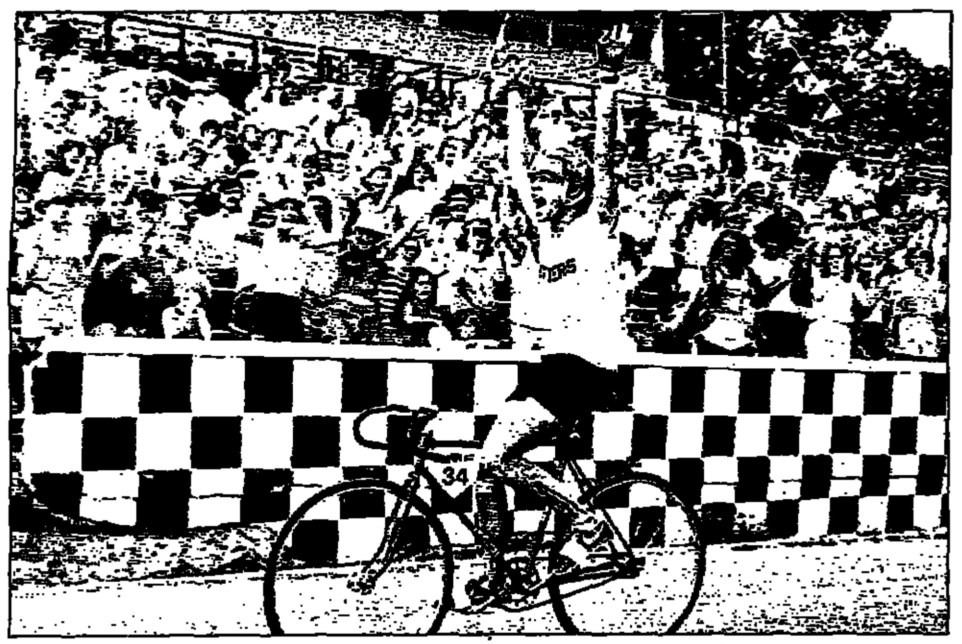
Neesham denied that the row had led to him handing in his notice. He said that he had been under considerable strain for some time and was leaving for medical reasons. But he was clearly unhappy that his officers had had to pay such a high price for such a minor offence. Such petty rules and a strict adherence to procedure seemed to be hampering the squad's fight against a rising criming rate.

He retired to his home in Hampton, Middlesex, where, despite failing health, he continued to maintain his interest in rugby. He himself had played for the British Police rugby team and for Surrey and he had been chairman of the Metropolitan Police Rugby Club.

Neesham is survived by his wife Audrey, whom he married in 1950, and by their twin sons and a daughter.

STEVE TESICH

Steve Tesich, Oscar-winning screenwriter and playwright, died of a heart attack in Sydney, Nova Scotia, on July 1 aged 53. He was born Stoyan Tesich in Titovo Uzice, Yugoslavia, on September 29, 1942.



A triumphant moment for the bicycle racer, Dave, in *Breaking Away*, 1979

THE love affair between Steve Tesich and the United States began and ended in a war-torn Yugoslavia. As a child, playing in the ravaged streets of his home town, he dreamt of going to America. Inspired by American films, he boasted so much about the country he had never seen that he earned the nickname "Truman".

In 1957 his dream came true when his father, a professional soldier who had fled to England during the war to join the Yugoslav government-in-exile, moved to America. He found employment as a steelworker, and summoned his wife and children to join him. But the grimy industrial atmosphere of East Chicago on the shores of Lake Michigan was a far cry from the open prairies of his Hollywood fantasies. "East Chicago was pretty ugly to a kid who'd just come from a European town with a clean river flowing through it, and with mountains and trees on the horizon," he said later.

Once he learnt English, however, an affection for his new home blossomed. He graduated from high school and Indiana University at Bloomington, where he majored in Russian literature, then went on to gain an MA degree from Columbia. But he dropped out of Columbia's PhD programme, believing that his knowledge of creative writing was greater than that of his professors.

That belief was put to the test in 1970 when his first play, *The Carpenters*, was produced off-Broadway. It received mixed reviews, as did his next five — none of which made it to Broadway. He was writing with a quirky humour about the American social scene and his whimsy was not always appreciated.

The turning point in Tesich's career came in 1979 when he joined the British director Peter Yates in making *Breaking Away*, a coming-of-age comedy set in Bloomington.

For some years he had been making a living by writing screenplays that were never produced — a not unusual Hollywood phenomenon — but *Breaking Away* proved an instant success. An affectionate and humorous story, it was, like most of Tesich's better work, largely autobiographical. He had studied in Bloomington and taken part in the cycle race around which it revolved.

Breaking Away won Tesich an Academy Award for best original screenplay and was nominated for four other Oscars. His newfound fame enabled him to get his next play, a farce called *Division Street*, on to Broadway, but it closed after only 21 performances and he did not write another for nine years.

Instead, he returned to Hollywood, scripting *Eyewitness*, (1981), *Four Friends* (1981), *The World According to Garp* (1982), *American Flyers* (1985) and *Eleni* (1985). Most received good reviews, but his initial success was never repeated. In 1982 he published a novel, *Summer Crossing*, which was a professional piece of work but written, reviewers suspected, very much with the screenplay already in mind, and slightly too sensationalist to ring true.

By 1989 Tesich was becoming disillusioned with the America of the Reagan/Bush era. He returned to being a playwright but his playful humour had now been replaced by sullen anger as he explored themes of selfishness and lost national identity in *The Speed of Darkness*, *Square One* and *On the Open Road*. The American failure to intervene in the Yugoslav conflict affected him deeply: it was as though the fractured world of his childhood had come full circle.

He is survived by his wife Rebecca, and one daughter.

ARTHUR CHARLESBY

Arthur Charlesby, Professor of Physics at the Royal Military College of Science, Shrivenham, 1957-77, died on June 13 aged 80. He was born on October 12, 1915.

A PIONEER in the field of radiation chemistry, Arthur Charlesby was one of the founding fathers of the pure and applied radiation science of polymers. He published a number of papers and patents concerning topics such as crosslinking and chain reactions leading to polymerisation and grafting, as well as scission processes. He also contributed greatly to the development and establishment of modern technologies for production of new products.

As Professor of Physics at the Royal Military College of Science at Shrivenham and in work carried out in collaboration with universities and research centres all over the world, he combined a keen intellect with a vivacious and loquacious manner to transmit his enthusiasm for his specialised field of study to many students.

Arthur Charlesby won a scholarship to Imperial College, London, to study engineering and then physics, graduating with first-class honours in 1937. His future research interests surfaced when he embarked on a PhD studying electron diffraction in organic crystals.

In 1938 he volunteered for war service and was put to work on infra-red devices to counter night bombers. During the early years of the war he served as a gas identification officer before going on to work for the Ministry of Aircraft Production to undertake research on the application of scientific thinking to a variety of practical problems.

Posted to operational research in North Africa in 1943 he pursued, among other things, scientific investigations into bombing accuracy and effectiveness in Italy. He was mentioned in dispatches.

This military experience led to his being appointed to the job of planning air traffic in postwar Europe. He was in large part responsible for the organisation of the Berlin airlift of 1948-49.

Between 1949 and 1955, Charlesby was at the Atomic Energy Research Establishment (AERE), Harwell, studying the effects of radiation on materials, principally metals and polymers. Many of his earliest basic patents on the irradiation of polymers were taken out at this time, though, because of AERE policy, only in the United Kingdom. This left the United States to reap the commercial benefits.

Frustrated with AERE's lack of commercial foresight, he moved to Tube Investments' new research laboratory at Hinxton Hall, Cambridge. There he continued to produce first-rate papers on subjects such as ionic polymerisation, polyester curing, polymer reinforcement and foamed polyethylene. His discoveries formed the basis of a worldwide industry.

In 1957, when a decision was made to separate research and development activities, Charlesby decided to accept the post of Professor of Physics at the Royal Military College of Science, Shrivenham.

Even after his retirement in 1977 he was exceptionally active, continuing to study molecular mobility and configuration and, more controversially, promoting his unorthodox views on the quantisation of time and space.

He is survived by his wife Irene.

ON THIS DAY

July 12, 1929

Though not named, the page on which this appeared might well be called the Woman's Page, for it contained nearly a column notice of a play entitled My Lady's Dress *and almost as much for three London dances, complete with impressive lists of those invited.*

MAN'S REBELLION AGAINST THE SPORTING WOMAN

When the average man thinks of a woman in connection with sport he conjures to his mind a picture of a large, red-faced being in severely practical garments, one in whom he can see no trace of feminity, whom he would not dare, nor has he desire, to patronize, and to whom to talk "prettily" would be as unnatural as it would be unexpected. In fact, his mental picture is one, not of a woman, but a rival, worse of a rival with an unfair advantage, and consequently one to be disliked. Worse yet, one whom he may not even dislike, for then he must remember that she is a woman, and, as such, one to whom he owes many duties, among them open agreeability. So long as woman came into sport merely to learn from man, so long as she maintained the of-course-you're-a-man-and-I-am-only-a-weak-woman spirit, he could put up with her as an amusing incident in his less serious games. But when she began to take things seriously, she ceased to be amusing. One cannot be amused by a companion who is beginning to discover one's weak spots. When she progressed still further and added to her achievements, and by patient study or natural aptitude began to equal man in skill, she became a nuisance ... In older days, when woman competed with her brother in his games, she came in dainty attire, with all the attractiveness of her feminine nature; and he never grudged her her "gold" when they shot in rivalry with bow and arrow on mid-Victorian lawns. Or when they competed in croquet, it was he who rejoiced the more at the defeat of his sex. For all their affectation of simplicity our mothers and grandmothers fought the battle of their sex more skilfully than do their daughters of today. They knew the power Nature had given them; they knew the deadliness of the weapon of charm they held in keeping; and they were wise enough to prefer to suffer the discomforts of clothing and manner which preserved to them that weapon, rather than sacrifice it for the transient triumph of a boasted superiority. Diana of the sixties rode in a long habit, and laughed with her brothers at the 'horsey' woman of the period. Diana of today rides astride and laughs alone, at the wise young woman who refuses to be emancipated. And her brothers, being polite still, may tell her how much they admire her common sense; but they would rather jog home in the dusk along the byroads with Diana of the habit than take a sporting bet to race 'cross country' with Diana of the breeches ...

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■ Nationalist violence erupted throughout Northern Ireland last night after 1,300 Orangemen were allowed to march through a Roman Catholic area of Portadown, Co Armagh, at the end of a tense five-day stand-off.

Hooded men hijacked cars and threw stones at police in republican areas of West Belfast, Londonderry and Armagh City within hours of the parade. RUC officers and troops are braced for more trouble today.......... **Pages 1, 2**

Police say killer may strike again

■ Women and children were told by police not to leave home as they said the murderer who bludgeoned Lin Russell and her daughter Megan to death in a frenzied attack could kill again. Josephine Russell, nine, remained seriously ill after being left for dead alongside her mother and sister.......... **Pages 1, 5**

BA strike off

British Airways pilots called off the strike which they had threatened from next Tuesday. Both sides in the dispute claimed to have reached a satisfactory settlement.......... **Pages 1, 17, 19**

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Amschel Rothschild, chairman of Rothschild Asset Management and tipped as a head of the banking dynasty, hanged himself with a dressing gown belt in his Paris hotel room, police said..... **Page 3**

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Nelson Mandela addressed both Houses of Parliament in Westminster Hall and received a standing ovation at the end of a forceful and moving 30-minute address.......... **Page 6**

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A Russian general was killed when his armoured personnel carrier hit a landmine in Chechenia and five people were hurt by a bomb left on a Moscow trolleybus.......... **Page 12**

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The Commons considers today whether the 28 Hong Kong war widows should have British passports, after they were promised them by John Major..... **Page 13**

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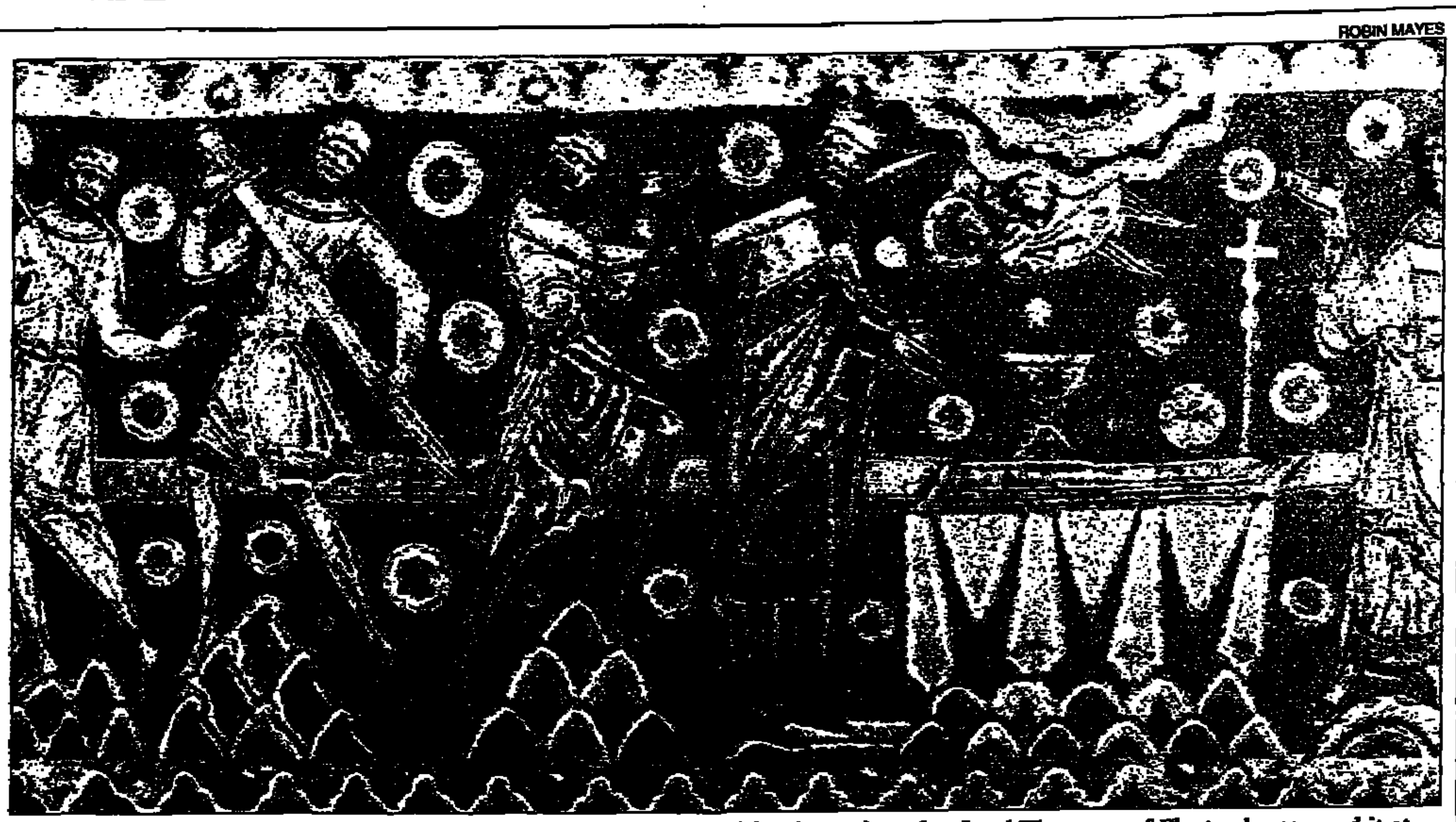
Back the horse that travels backwards

■ Racehorses may run faster if they travel backwards from the stable to the course. Research suggests they suffer less stress and waste less energy in horseboxes if they are transported facing the back. The *Veterinary Record* reports that thoroughbreds transported in that way had lower heart rates, neighed less often and maintained better balance.......... **Page 8**

ROBIN MAYES



A detail of the St Thomas à Becket chasse, which has been saved for the nation after Lord Thomson of Fleet, who secured it at auction last week for £4.18 million, withdrew his right to it yesterday. Pages 1, 19

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Russia is becoming more and more like Italy: Mafia, corruption, business tycoons, political instability, excessive bureaucracy, a weighty public deficit and plots in high places. After Boris Yeltsin's victory there is yet another similarity: the reduction of political parties from a multitude to two main blocs, in our case the Centre Left (Olive Tree) and Centre Right (Polo): in the case of Russia, the former Communists or Social Democrats and the Yeltsinites — *La Repubblica*

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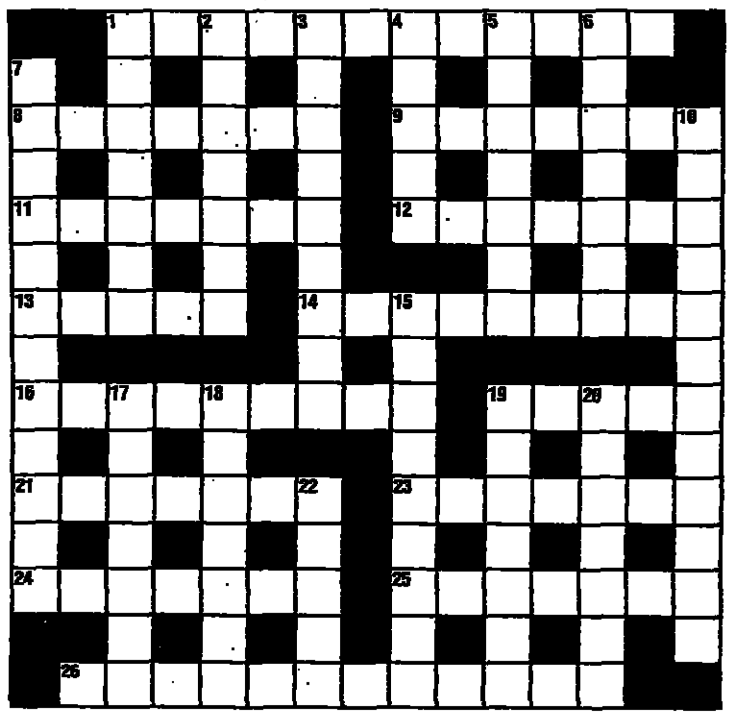

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DOWN

1 One of many deliveries given as theologian (7).
2 Climbing aid — catch up on proper procedure, we hear (7).
3 Dire scene — ruined home (9).
4 Dress sailor in clobber (5).
5 Avoid bygone ceremonial that's over our heads (3-4).
6 Somewhat insignificant, a tambourine in choral work (7).
7 Petty bureaucrat to give up post (4-2-6).
10 Meet high art collection heading East, here? (3,9).
15 State detective's imprudent to enter without warrant (9).
17 Reading article that's been edited (7).
18 A fruit and nut not acceptable as food (7).
19 Preserve strict honesty (7).
20 Poison — a warning signal's given about it (7).
22 Birds to observe in, say, soaring (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,217

ARCHDUKE JOBLOT
L A A A A O A
LABORATORY MOTH
O A K Y W B M
WALTERDELAMARE
E L N I L S A
DRESSED SKITTLE
R X E R
PROBITY PRORATA
E A E A N D N
DECONSECRATION
T C S K G T E
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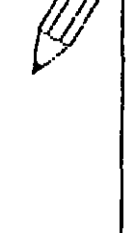
HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Wattisham, Suffolk, 27C (81F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath, 0.63in; highest sunshine: Clacton, Essex, 15.1hr.



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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will be rather cloudy, and there may be some patchy drizzle at first in parts of the south, but northeast England should be brighter. Temperatures mostly near or a little above the seasonal average.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will be dry with sunny spells. There may be some more cloud later in northwest Scotland, perhaps leading to patchy rain. Temperatures near normal, warm in the east.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, Midlands, E England, Central N, NE England:** Rather cloudy, patchy drizzle at first, some bright intervals developing later. Wind southwesterly, mostly light. Warm. Max 21C to 23C (70F to 73F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England, Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man:** Dull, drizzle at times, some hill and coastal fog. Brighter weather spreading from the north. Wind mostly southwesterly, light to moderate. Max 20C (68F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW, NE Scotland, Glasgow, Cent Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, N Ireland:** Dry, sunny spells. Wind southwesterly, mostly light. Max 17C to 19C (63F to 66F).

☐ **NW Scotland:** Dry and bright at first, cloud increasing later with some rain during the evening. Wind southwesterly, moderate becoming fresh to strong. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** Dry, sunny spells. Becoming cloudy later. Wind southwesterly, moderate becoming fresh to strong. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Outlook:** Rain spreading southeast on Saturday, becoming mostly dry on Sunday.

☐ **Pollen forecast:** North Wales, London, low to moderate; South Wales, moderate; Midlands, East Anglia, South East, South West, moderate to high; Scotland, northern England, N. Ireland, high.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

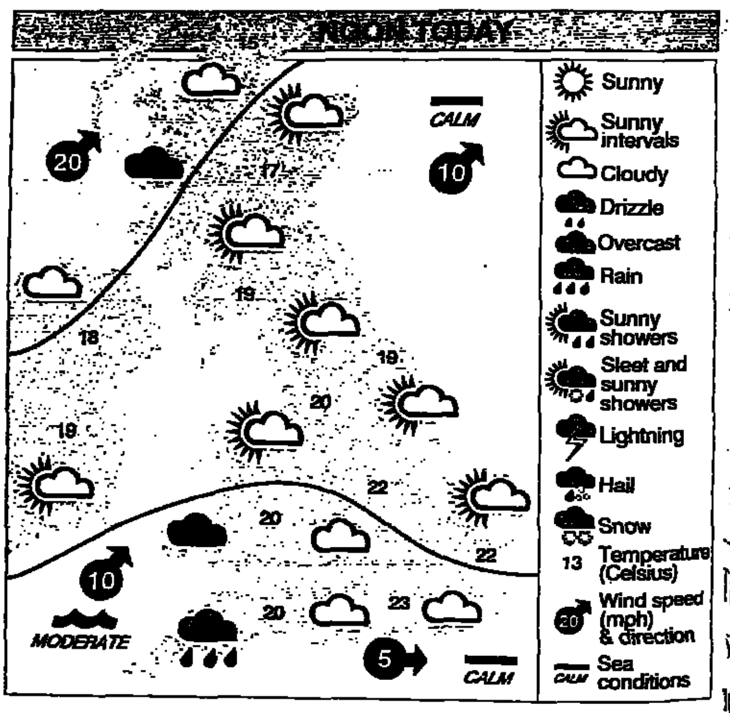
	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	4.6	0.01	20	68	s	Leuchars	6.3	0.01	23	73	s
Anglesey	2.7	-	16	61	c	Littlehmptn	11.4	-	21	70	s
Aspatria	0.7	0.01	17	63	r	London	8.7	-	25	77	s
Aviemore	5.5	-	19	66	b	Lowestoft	8.5	-	26	79	s
Belfast	1.8	0.16	18	64	r	Manchester	2.7	0.01	19	66	c
Birmingham	8.5	-	22	72	b	Margate	10.8	-	25	77	s
Bognor R	12.0	-	21	70	s	Minehead	10.3	-	19	66	s
Bournem'th	7.2	0.01	22	72	b	Morecambe	2.0	0.01	17	63	du
Bristol	7.8	-	21	70	c	Newcastle	4.3	-	21	70	b
Buxton	-	0.01	17	63	c	Newquay	1.6	-	18	64	c
Cardiff	6.4	0.01	20	68	b	Norwich	12.0	-	26	79	s
Clacton	15.1	-	19	66	s	Oxford	6.7	-	24	75	c
Colwyn Bay	4.1	0.01	21	70	b	Penzance	X	0.01	20	68	d
Cromer	12.5	-	22	72	s	Poole	8.4	-	25	77	c
Dunbar	5.8	0.01	22	72	b	Prestatyn	X				
Eastbourne	13.6	-	18	64	s	Ross-o-wye	9.6	-	25	77	s
Edinburgh	5.7	0.01	21	70	b	Ryde	6.6	-	23	73	b
Eskdalemuir	X					Salcombe	10.8	-	21	70	s
Exmouth	9.5	-	21	70	s	Sandown	6.7	-	21	70	b
Falmouth	4.4	-	19	66	c	Saunton Snd	3.0	-	19	66	s
Fishguard	X					Scarboro'	8.2	-	20	68	s
Folkestone	10.2	-	20	68	s	Shrewsbury	5.4	-	22	72	b
Glasgow	2.0	0.01	18	64	r	Skegness	12.6	-	24	75	s
Guernsey	6.2	-	20	68	b	Southend	X	-	24	75	s
Hastings	13.1	-	19	66	s	Southport	5.6	-	18	64	b
Hayling I.	7.7	-	21	70	b	Southsea	6.5	-	22	72	c
Herne Bay	9.5	-	26	79	s	Stornoway	0.8	0.19	14	57	b
Hove	10.1	-	19	66	s	Swanage	8.9	-	22	72	s
Hunstanton	X	-	23	73	s	Teignmouth	10.1	-	22	72	s
Isle of Man	1.3	0.07	16	61	r	Tiree	2.3	0.05	14	57	b
Jersey	3.1	0.01	18	64	c	Torquay	10.1	-	24	75	s
Kinloss	4.5	-	18	64	b	Ventnor	6.2	-	19	66	b
Leeds	2.8	-	19	66	c	West-s-mare	10.3	-	20	68	s
Lerwick	5.1	0.20	14	57	c	Weymouth	8.4	-	19	66	s

ABROAD

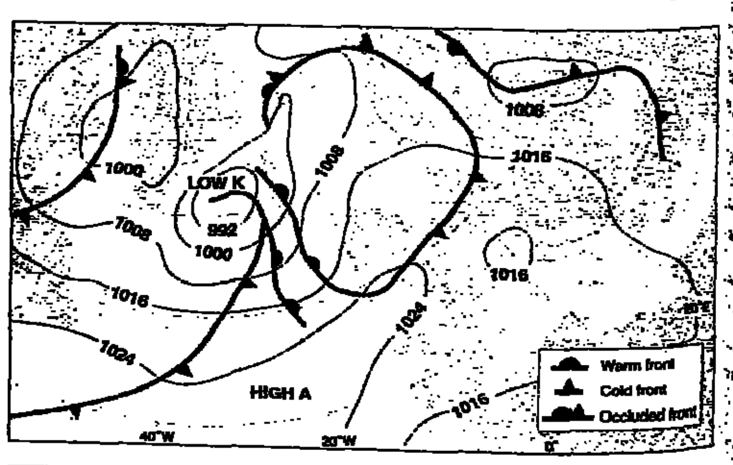
	C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	24	75	s	Corfu	26	79	s	Majorca	26	79	s	Rome	X		
Akrotiri	29	84	s	C'phagn	19	66	f	Malaga	27	81	s	S Fr'sco	18	64	s
Alex'dria	29	84	c	Dublin	20	68	c	Malta	27	81	s	S Paulo	18	64	d
Algiers	26	79	s	Dubrovnik	25	77	s	Melb'rne	9	48	s	Salzburg	12	54	r
Amst'dm	15	59	c	Faro	27	81	s	Mexico C	X			Santiago	18	64	s
Athens	32	90	s	Florence	X			Miami	32	90	s	Seoul	28	82	s
B Aires	13	55	c	Frankfurt	16	61	c	Milan	25	77	s	Sing'por	27	81	t
Bahrain	41	106	s	Funchal	23	73	s	Montreal	19	66	s	St'kholm	14	57	r
Bangkok	34	93	f	Geneva	18	64	f	Moscow	33	91	s	Strasb'rg	17	63	t
Barbados	29	84	r	Gibraltar	23	73	s	Munich	12	54	r	Sydney	12	54	X
Barcelona	22	72	s	Helsinki	15	59	c	N Delhi	35	95	f	Tangier	27	81	s
Beirut	30	86	f	Hong K	32	90	X	N York	24	75	s	Tel Aviv	32	90	s
Belgrade	20	68	f	Innsbrck	11	52	r	Nairobi	21	70	s	Tenerife	27	81	s
Berlin	18	64	s	Istanbul	26	79	f	Naples	X			Tokyo	22	72	r
Bermuda	27	81	f	Jeddah	38	100	s	Nice	24	75	s	Toronto	19	66	c
Biarritz	19	66	c	Jo'burg	15	59	s	Oslo	24	75	s	Tunis	27	81	f
Borde'x	19	66	c	L Angels	21	70	f	Paris	19	66	c	Valencia	27	81	s
Brussels	15	59	c	L Palmas	26	79	s	Peking	19	66	r	Vanc'ver	18	64	s
Budapst	20	68	f	Le Tquet	18	64	f	Perth	15	59	s	Venice	21	70	f
Cairo	36	97	s	Lisbon	31	88	s	Prague	14	57	r	Vienna	17	63	s
Cape Tn	24	75	s	Locarno	21	70	f	Reykjavik	9	48	d	Warsaw	18	64	f
Ch'church	4	39	c	Luxembg	17	63	c	Rhodes	26	79	s	Wash'ton	27	81	f
Chicago	23	73	s	Luxor	42	108	s	Rio de J	19	66	s	Wel'ngton	12	54	X
Cologne	14	57	r	Madrid	29	84	s	Riyadh	44	111	s	Zurich	14	57	r

Temperatures at midday local time on Wednesday X = not available

NOON TODAY



Changes to chart below from noon: low K is expected to track northeast across Iceland and fill very slowly. High A will remain static and the central pressure should change little



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11:21	6.7	11:45	6.7	Leith	11:06	4.8	-	
Aberdeen	11:08	3.7	11:32	3.8	Liverpool	8:50	8.1	9:16	8.3
Avonmouth	4:25	11.0	4:50	11.3	Lowestoft	7:03	2.3	7:29	2.2
Belfast	8:51	3.2	9:11	3.3	Margate	9:43	4.3	10:12	4.3
Cardiff	4:10	10.3	4:39	10.5	Milford Haven	3:38	5.7	4:06	5.8
Devonport	3:01	4.5	3:28	4.7	Newquay	2:28	5.6	2:53	5.7
Dover	8:51	5.8	9:15	5.9	Oban	3:37	3.1	3:41	[illegible]
Dublin (N Wall)	9:25	3.6	9:52	3.8	Penzance	2:08	4.6	2:38	4.8
Falmouth	2:17	4.4	2:50	4.5	Portland	3:54	1.5	4:27	1.7
Greenock	10:25	3.0	10:37	3.0	Portsmouth	9:04	4.1	9:22	4.3
Harwich	9:13	3.5	9:38	3.6	Shoreham	9:02	5.2	9:21	5.4
Holyhead	8:04	4.8	8:36	4.9	Southampton	8:29	4.0	8:52	4.7
Hull (Albert D)	3:39	6.5	4:00	6.5	Swansea	3:43	7.8	4:11	8.0
Ilfracombe	3:25	7.7	3:54	7.9	Tees	1:03	4.6	1:25	4.6
King's Lynn	3:42	5.7	4:07	5.8	Walton-on-Naze	9:11	3.8	9:33	3.8

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 4.58 am
Sun sets: 9.14 pm
Moon sets 6.25 pm
Moon rises 2.42 am
New Moon July 15

London 9.14 pm to 4.59 am
Bristol 9.23 pm to 5.09 am
Edinburgh 9.52 pm to 4.45 am
Manchester 9.33 pm to 4.57 am
Penzance 9.28 pm to 5.27 am

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